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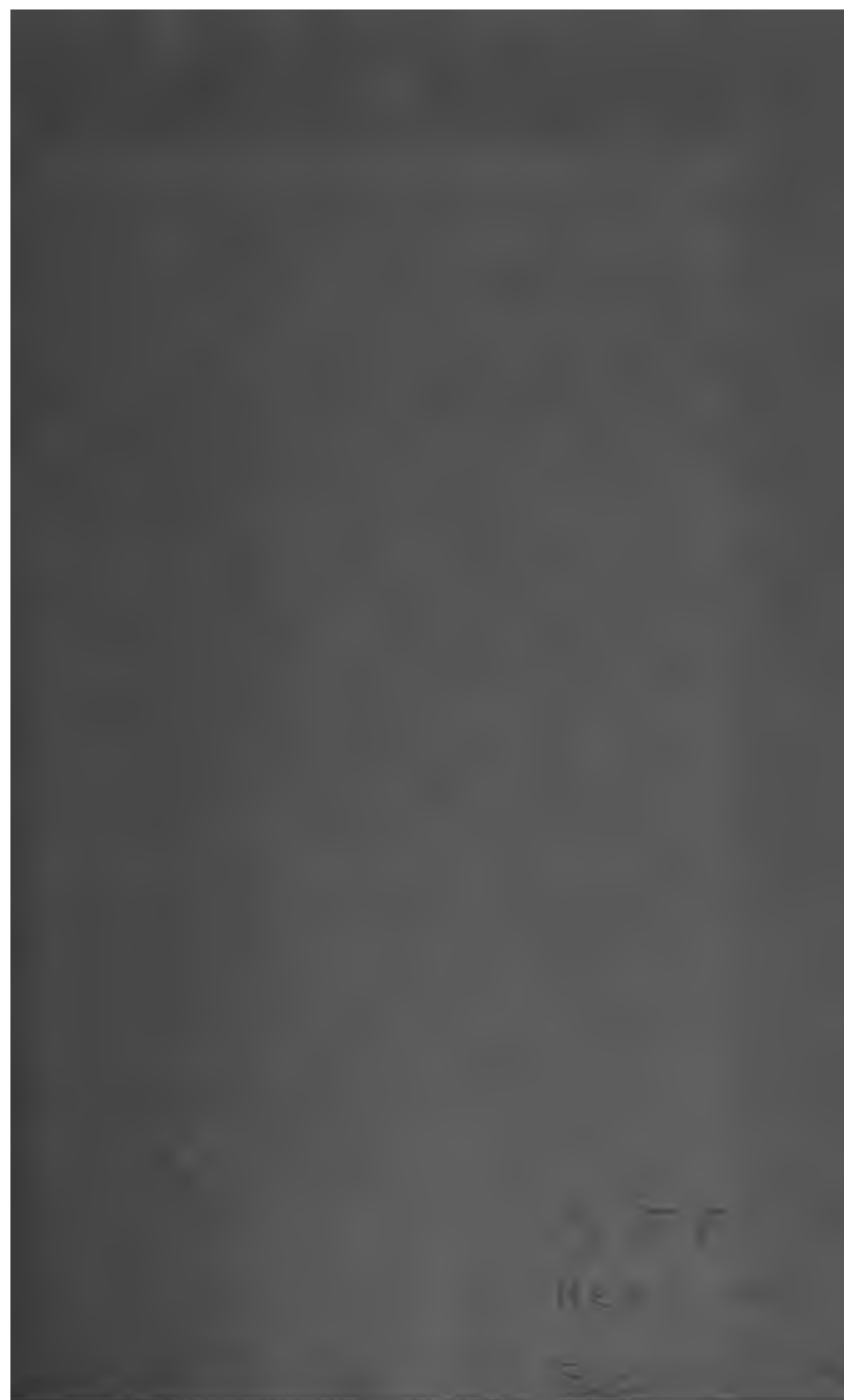
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## JOURNAL OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

HALL OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, }  
New York, January 14, 1857. }

The Commissioners of Common Schools of the several Wards, constituting the Board of Education of the City of New York, convened, pursuant to the second section of the Act relative to Common Schools; for the purpose of organizing for the ensuing year.

On motion of Commissioner TWEED, of the Seventh Ward, Mr. BURLEW was appointed President *pro tem*.

The Clerk of the Board, Albert Gilbert, then read the certificate of the County Clerk, that the following named gentlemen had been elected Commissioners of Common Schools, at the general election held the 4th day of November, 1856, to wit:

Ward.

1. SAMUEL AULD,
2. GEORGE NIVEN,
3. VINCENT N. LECOMPTE,
4. EUGENE SHINE,
5. WILLIAM B. EAGER, Jr.,
6. WILLIAM SINCLAIR,
7. WILLIAM M. TWEED,
8. JOHN R. LYDECKER,
9. PROVOST S. HAINES,
10. GEORGE H. CLARK,
11. AARON B. ROLLINS,

Ward.

12. JAMES MACKEAN,
13. JONATHAN L. SCOFIELD,
14. ANDREW H. GREEN,
15. ERASTUS C. BENEDICT,
16. WILLIAM JAY HASKET,
17. RICHARD C. FELLOWS,
18. WILLIAM H. NEILSON,
19. TERENCE FARLEY,
20. WILLIAM MONTEITH,
21. JOHN DAVENPORT,
22. DAVID B. KERR.

The Clerk then called the roll of members, as follows, each having previously taken the oath of office, prescribed by Article Twelve of the Constitution of this State; except Mr. Sinclair, Commissioner elect of the Sixth Ward.

## Ward.

1. JOSIAH W. BROWN,  
SAMUEL AULD,
2. JOHN HOOPER,  
GEORGE NIVEN,
3. WILLIAM H. AVERY,  
VINCENT N. LECOMPTE,
4. JOHN J. WARE,  
EUGENE SHINE,
5. JAMES M. TUTHILL,  
WILLIAM B. EAGER, JR.,
6. WALTER ROCHE,  
WILLIAM SINCLAIR,
7. ABRAHAM DENIKE,  
WILLIAM M. TWEED,
8. ELIPHALET BOOTMAN,  
JOHN R. LYDECKER,
9. ALBERT SMITH,  
PROVOST S. HAINES,
10. DANIEL SLOTE,  
GEORGE H. CLARK,
11. GEORGE WHITE,  
AARON B. ROLLINS,

## Ward.

12. ABRAHAM V. WILLIAMS,  
JAMES MACKEAN,
13. STEPHEN BROOKER,  
JONATHAN L. SCOTFIELD,
14. THOMAS BOESE,  
ANDREW H. GREEN,
15. RICHARD BURLEW,  
ERASTUS C. BENEDICT,
16. ISAAC W. SMITH,  
WILLIAM JAY HASKETT,
17. JAMES F. HENRY,  
RICHARD C. FELLOWS,
18. SIMEON BALDWIN,  
WILLIAM H. NEILSON,
19. RICHARD S. GRAY,  
TERENCE FARLEY,
20. NELSON J. WATERBURY,  
WILLIAM MONTEITH,
21. LAFAYETTE RANNEY,  
JOHN DAVENPORT,
22. JOSEPH EDWARDS,  
DAVID B. KERR.

On motion of Mr. DAVENPORT,

*Resolved*, That this Board take a recess of ten minutes.

After the recess the President called the Board to order and directed the roll to be called, when the following members answered to their names :

Messrs. Brown, Auld, Niven, Avery, Lecompte, Ware, Shine, Tuthill, Eager, Roche, Denike, Tweed, Bootman, Lydecker, A. Smith, Haines, Slote, Clark, White, Rollins, Scofield, Boese, Green, Burlew, Benedict, I. W. Smith, Haskett, Henry, Fellows, Baldwin, Neilson, Gray, Farley, Waterbury, Monteith, Ranney, Davenport, and Kerr.

On motion of Mr. BOESE,

*Resolved*, That this Board take a recess of ten minutes.

After the recess the roll was again called, and all the members answered to their names except Messrs. Sinclair and Edwards.

On motion of Mr. TWEED,

*Resolved*, That this Board now proceed to elect a President for the ensuing year.

Mr. PRESIDENT appointed Messrs. Denike and Baldwin as Tellers. The Clerk called the roll and 42 members answered to their names.

FIRST BALLOT.

The tellers reported the whole number of votes.....	43
Of which Andrew H. Green received.....	18
Nelson J. Waterbury " .....	15
William H. Neilson " .....	10
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The point of order was raised, that more votes were reported than there were members present.

On motion—

The Ballot was set aside as informal.

SECOND BALLOT.

The tellers reported the whole number of votes.....	42
Of which Andrew H. Green received.....	17
Nelson J. Waterbury " .....	14
William H. Neilson " .....	11
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THIRD BALLOT.

The tellers reported the whole number of votes.....	42
Of which Andrew H. Green received.....	19
Nelson J. Waterbury " .....	14
William H. Neilson " .....	9
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After the third ballot had been announced, Mr. Waterbury stated that he did not wish any longer to be considered as a candidate for the Presidency, and withdrew his name.

FOURTH BALLOT.

The tellers reported the whole number of votes.....	41
Of which Andrew H. Green received.....	28
William H. Neilson " .....	10
Abraham V. Williams " .....	2
Nelson J. Waterbury " .....	1
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Mr. GREEN having received a majority of all the votes was declared duly elected President.

Mr. PRESIDENT appointed Messrs. Neilson and Waterbury as a Committee to conduct the President elect to the chair.

Mr. PRESIDENT elect was then conducted by the Committee to the Chair, where he was received by the President *pro tem.*, Mr. BURLEW, with appropriate remarks.

Mr. PRESIDENT GREEN then addressed the Board as follows :

I thank you, gentlemen, for the honor which you have conferred upon me. I regard it as an affirmation of the confidence of the Board in the administration of the last year. Without occupying the Board at this time, when business presses upon its attention, and postponing to a future occasion any extended remarks upon our system, and again expressing my high sense of the importance of the position to which this Board has again called me, I will call for the next order of business.

On motion of Mr. DAVENPORT—

*Resolved*, That this Board proceed to the election of Clerk for the ensuing year. Mr. PRESIDENT appointed Messrs. Farley and A. Smith as tellers to canvass the votes.

The Clerk called the roll, and the following members answered to their names :

Messrs. Brown, Auld, Hooper, Niven, Avery, Lecompte, Ware, Shine, Tuthill, Eager, Roche, Denike, Tweed, Bootman, Lydecker, A. Smith, Haines, Slote, Clark, White, Rollins, Williams, Mackean, Brooker, Scofield, Boese, Green, Burlew, Benedict, I. W. Smith, Haskett, Henry, Fellows, Baldwin, Neilson, Gray, Farley, Waterbury, Monteith, Ranney, Davenport, Kerr—42.

#### FIRST BALLOT.

The tellers reported that the whole number of ballots received was 44 ; which was a greater number than there were members present.

On motion, the said ballot was set aside as informal.

#### SECOND BALLOT.

The tellers reported that the whole number of ballots received was 44 ; which was a greater number than there were members present.

On motion, the said ballot was set aside as informal.

The Clerk called the roll, and the following members answered to their names :

Messrs. Brown, Auld, Hooper, Niven, Avery, Lecompte, Ware, Shine, Tuthill, Eager, Roche, Denike, Tweed, Bootman, Lydecker, A. Smith, Haines, Slote, Clark, White, Rollins, Williams, Mackean, Brooker, Scofield, Boese, Green, Burlew, Benedict, I. W. Smith, Haskett, Henry, Fellows, Baldwin, Neilson, Gray, Farley, Waterbury, Monteith, Ranney, Davenport, Kerr—42.

### THIRD BALLOT.

The tellers reported the whole number of votes ..... 42

Of which Albert Gilbert received ..... 25

William Sinclair “ ..... 17

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Mr. PRESIDENT declared that ALBERT GILBERT was duly elected Clerk of the Board of Education.

On motion of Mr. BALDWIN—

*Resolved*, That this Board take a recess of ten minutes.

After the recess, Mr. BENEDICT presented the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That section second of Article 5 of the By-Laws be referred to a select committee, with instructions to report immediately the following amendment, to wit, in the second line of said section, strike out the word “*seven*” and insert in place thereof the word “*five*.”

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolution, and it was decided in the negative.

The Board proceeded to elect the Executive and Finance Committees:

Mr. PRESIDENT appointed Messrs. Denike and Tuthill to canvass the votes for the Committee on the Free Academy; Messrs. A. Smith and Shine to canvass the votes for the Committee on Normal Schools; Messrs. Roche and Gray to canvass the votes for the Committee on Evening Schools; and Messrs. Mackean and Lydecker to canvass the votes for the Finance Committee.

*Executive Committee on the Free Academy,*

## FIRST BALLOT.

The tellers reported the whole number of ballots.....	40
Of which Abraham V. Williams received ....	38 votes.
Lafayette Ranney " ....	37 "
James M. Tuthill " ....	37 "
Thomas Boese " ....	37 "
Richard C. Fellows " ....	32 "
Simeon Baldwin " ....	32 "
William M. Tweed " ....	19 "
Erastus C. Benedict " ....	11 "
William Jay Haskett " ....	9 "
Joseph Edwards " ....	5 "
Vincent N. Lecomte " ....	1 "
Abraham Denike " ....	1 "
George H. Clark " ....	1 "
Daniel Slote " ....	1 "

Mr. PRESIDENT declared that MESSRS. WILLIAMS, RANNEY, TUTHILL, BOESE, FELLOWS, and BALDWIN were duly elected as members of the Executive Committee on the Free Academy.

The Board proceeded to elect the other member of the said Committee.

## SECOND BALLOT.

The tellers reported the whole number of ballots .....	36
Of which William M. Tweed received.....	25 votes.
Erastus C. Benedict " .....	8 "
William H. Neilson " .....	4 "

Mr. PRESIDENT declared that Mr. TWEED was duly elected a member of said Committee.

*Executive Committee on Normal Schools.*

## FIRST BALLOT.

The tellers reported the whole number of ballots .....	40
Of which William B. Eager, Jr. received ....	37 votes.
John Davenport " ....	35 "
David B. Kerr " ....	33 "
John R. Lydecker " ....	24 "
Jonathan L. Scofield " ....	23 "
Aaron B. Rollins " ....	23 "
Walter Roche " ....	15 "
Provost S. Haines " ....	15 "

William H. Neilson received	....	10 votes.
Erastus C. Benedict	" ....	9 "
Richard Burlew	" ....	9 "
Vincent N. Lecomte	" ....	9 "
George H. Clark	" ....	6 "
Lafayette Ranney	" ....	2 "
Simeon Baldwin	" ....	1 "
James MacKean	" ....	1 "
Nelson J. Waterbury	" ....	1 "
William Monteith	" ....	1 "
Blank.....	....	1 "

Mr. PRESIDENT declared that Messrs. EAGER, DAVENPORT, KERR, LYDECKER, SCOFIELD, and ROLLINS were duly elected members of said Committee.

The Board proceeded to elect the other member of the Committee:

#### SECOND BALLOT.

The tellers reported the whole number of ballots received, 34

Of which Walter Roche received	....	15 votes.
Geo. W. Clark	" ....	7 "
I. W. Smith	" ....	6 "
Provost S. Haines	" ....	2 "
William M. Tweed	" ....	1 "
Richard S. Gray	" ....	1 "
Wm. H. Neilson	" ....	1 "
James MacKean	" ....	1 "

#### THIRD BALLOT.

The tellers reported the whole number of ballots received, 34

Of which Walter Roche received	....	17 votes.
I. W. Smith	" ....	9 "
Richard S. Gray	" ....	2 "
George H. Clark	" ....	2 "
James MacKean	" ....	2 "
Wm. H. Neilson	" ....	1 "
Blank	" ....	1 "

#### FOURTH BALLOT.

The tellers reported the whole number of ballots, 33.

Of which Walter Roche received	....	21 votes.
I. W. Smith	" ....	11 "
Richard S. Gray	" ....	1 "

*Mr. PRESIDENT declared that Mr. ROCHE was duly elected a member of said Committee.*

*Executive Committee on Evening Schools.*

The tellers reported the whole number of ballots, 40

Of which Albert Smith received	....	37	votes.
Eliphalet Bootman "	....	34	"
Daniel Slote "	....	34	"
George White "	....	29	"
Terance Farley "	....	24	"
William Sinclair "	....	23	"
Richard S. Gray "	....	22	"
Aaron B. Rollins "	....	22	"
John J. Ware "	....	22	"
James Mackean "	....	16	"
William Montieth "	....	12	"
Joseph Edwards "	....	5	"

Mr. PRESIDENT declared that Messrs. Smith, Bootman, Slote, White, Farley and Sinclair were duly elected as members of the said Committee.

The Board proceeded to elect the other members of said Committee.

## SECOND BALLOT.

The tellers reported the whole number of ballots, 36.

Of which John J. Ware received	....	18	votes.
Richard S. Gray "	....	14	"
James Mackean "	....	4	"

## THIRD BALLOT.

The tellers reported the whole number of ballots, 35.

Of which John J. Ware received	....	17	votes.
Richard S. Gray "	....	12	"
James Mackean "	....	3	"
Walter Roche "	....	2	"
Blank "	....	1	"

## FOURTH BALLOT.

The tellers reported the whole number of ballots, 33.

Of which John J. Ware received	....	19	votes.
Richard S. Gray "	....	10	"
James Mackean "	....	2	"
Isaac W. Smith "	....	1	"
Blank "	....	1	"

Mr. PRESIDENT declared that Mr. WARE was duly elected a member of said Committee.

*Finance Committee.*

## FIRST BALLOT.

The tellers reported the whole number of ballots.....	40
Of which Abraham Denike received .....	31 votes.
Richard Burlew       “ .....	25 “
Samuel Auld         “ .....	25 “
Stephen Brooker     “ .....	24 “
Erastus C. Benedict “ .....	16 “
William Jay Haskett “ .....	15 “
James F. Henry      “ .....	15 “
William H. Avery     “ .....	15 “
Josiah W. Brown     “ .....	12 “
John Davenport     “ .....	2 “
Richard C. Fellows   “ .....	1 “
Blank .....	1 “

Mr. PRESIDENT declared that MESSRS. DENIKE, BURLEW, AULD and BROOKER were duly elected as members of said Committee.

The Board proceeded to elect the other member of said Committee.

## SECOND BALLOT.

The tellers reported the whole number of ballots.....	31
Of which John Hooper received.....	17 votes.
James Henry         “ .....	16 “
William H. Avery    “ .....	1 “
Richard C. Fellows “ .....	1 “
Blank .....	1 “

Mr. PRESIDENT declared that Mr. HOOPER was duly elected a member of said Committee. The said Committees as elected are as follows :—

*Executive Committee on the Free Academy :*

Mr. Williams,	Mr. Ranney,
“ Tuthill,	“ Fellows,
“ Boese,	“ Baldwin,
Mr. Tweed.	

*Executive Committee on Normal Schools :*

Mr. Eager,	Mr. Scofield,
“ Davenport,	“ Lydecker,
“ Kerr,	“ Rollins,
Mr. Roche.	

*Executive Committee on Evening Schools :*

Mr. Bootman,	Mr. Slote,
" A. Smith,	" White,
" Farley,	" Sinclair.
Mr. Ware.	

*Finance Committee :*

Mr. Denike,	Mr. Brooker,
" Burlew,	" Auld,
Mr. Hooper.	

On motion of Mr. RANNEY :

*Resolved*, That the Comptroller of the City is hereby requested to authorize the City Chamberlain to place in the City Treasury the sum of eighty thousand dollars, subject to the drafts of the Board of Education, on and after the 15th day of January 1857.

On motion of Mr. BURLEW :

*Resolved*, That the Clerk take from the files all papers relating to the unfinished business of the committees of last year and that the same be referred to the corresponding new committees.

On motion of Mr. BURLEW :

*Resolved*, That the Clerk prepare 22 ballots, with the number of the wards, from 1 to 22 inclusive, and place them in a box, and when the ballots shall have been shaken together, the Clerk shall take from the box one number representing a ward and thereupon the representatives of the ward so indicated shall select their seats.

The Clerk then proceeded to draw the ballots, and the members from each ward made choice of seats as the numbers were announced, as follows :—

Commissioners—1st	Ward—	Seats	Numbers	25, 26
" 2nd	"	"	"	29, 30
" 3d	"	"	"	17, 18
" 4th	"	"	"	39, 40
" 5th	"	"	"	11, 12
" 6th	"	"	"	19, 20
" 7th	"	"	"	7, 8
" 8th	"	"	"	13, 14
" 9th	"	"	"	23, 24
" 10th	"	"	"	43, 44

Commissioners—	11th Ward—	Seats	Numbers	21, 22
"	12th	"	"	1, 2
"	13th	"	"	27, 28
"	14th	"	"	37, 38
"	15th	"	"	33, 34
"	16th	"	"	5, 6
"	17th	"	"	35, 36
"	18th	"	"	9, 10
"	19th	"	"	31, 32
"	20th	"	"	41, 42
"	21st	"	"	15, 16
"	22d	"	"	3, 4

On motion of Mr. HENRY the Board adjourned.



*Executive Committee on Evening Schools :*

Mr. Bootman,	Mr. Slote,
" A. Smith,	" White,
" Farley,	" Sinclair.
Mr. Ware.	

*Finance Committee :*

Mr. Denike,	Mr. Brooker,
" Burlew,	" Auld,
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" 4th	"	"	"	39, 40
" 5th	"	"	"	11, 12
" 6th	"	"	"	19, 20
" 7th	"	"	"	7, 8
" 8th	"	"	"	13, 14
" 9th	"	"	"	23, 24
" 10th	"	"	"	43, 44

Commissioners—	11th Ward—	Seats	Numbers	21, 22
"	12th	"	"	1, 2
"	13th	"	"	27, 28
"	14th	"	"	37, 38
"	15th	"	"	33, 34
"	16th	"	"	5, 6
"	17th	"	"	35, 36
"	18th	"	"	9, 10
"	19th	"	"	31, 32
"	20th	"	"	41, 42
"	21st	"	"	15, 16
"	22d	"	"	3, 4

On motion of Mr. HENRY the Board adjourned.



## **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1857.**

### **STATED SESSION.**

*Present*—Andrew H. Green, Esq., President, and Commissioners Brown, Auld, Hooper, Avery, Lecomte, Ware, Shine, Tuthill, Eager, Roche, Sinclair, Denike, Tweed, Bootman, Lydecker, A. Smith, Haines, Slote, Clark, White, Rollins, Mac-kean, Brooker, Scofield, Boese, Burlew, Benedict, I. W. Smith, Haskett, Fellows, Baldwin, Neilson, Gray, Farley, Waterbury, Monteith, Ranney, Davenport, Kerr—40.

*Absent*—Commissioners Niven, Williams, Henry, Edwards—4.

The journal of the last session was read, and on motion amended so as to state on page 8, that Mr. I. W. SMITH received 19 votes on the first ballot for Executive Committee on Normal Schools.

The Journal was approved as amended.

Mr. AULD presented a communication from the School Officers of the First Ward nominating Andrew J. Perry as Trustee for said Ward.

*Ordered*, That said communication be referred to the Committee on Elections and Qualifications.

Mr. AVERY presented a communication from the School Officers of the Third Ward, nominating Seba M. Bogert, S. N. Lecomte and Charles W. Frazer to fill vacancies in the Board of Trustees of said Ward.

*Ordered*, That said communication be referred to the Committee on Elections and Qualifications.

Mr. PRESIDENT laid before the Board a communication from C. Kassenbrock, Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Fourth Ward, submitting a proposal from the owners to sell lots Nos. 69, 71, 73 and 75 Oliver street, for a school site.

On motion of Mr. WARE,

*Ordered,* That the said communication be laid on the table.

Mr. WARE presented a communication from the School Officers of the Fourth Ward, asking an appropriation for the purchase of the Oliver street Baptist Church, situated at the corner of Henry and Oliver streets, for a school house.

*Ordered,* That said communication be referred to the Committee on Sites and School Houses.

Mr. TUTHILL presented a communication from the School Officers of the Fifth Ward, nominating John T. Henry as Inspector, and Andrew W. Leggatt and Lemuel W. Parkes as Trustees of Common Schools for said Ward.

*Ordered,* That said communication be referred to the Committee on Elections and Qualifications.

Mr. SINCLAIR presented the application of Mrs. Mary Nicholson for the payment of interest on the purchase money for certain lots of land in Mott street.

*Ordered,* That said application be referred to the Finance Committee.

Mr. SLOTE presented the application of the School Officers of the Tenth Ward for an appropriation to fit up and furnish the new School House in Chrystie street, in said Ward.

*Ordered,* That said application be referred to the Finance Committee.

Mr. SCOFIELD presented the application of the School Officers of the Thirteenth Ward for an appropriation to pay for sundry bills for repairs, rendered necessary on account of fire, at School House No. 34, in Broome street.

*Ordered,* That said application be referred to the Finance Committee.

Mr. MONTIETH presented a communication from the School Officers of the Twentieth Ward, nominating William Menck as Trustee in place of Michael Schweyer, who declined to qualify.

*Ordered,* That said communication be referred to the Committee on Elections and Qualifications.

Mr. WATERBURY presented the application of the School Offi-

cers of the Twentieth Ward for an appropriation to purchase a school site in said Ward.

*Ordered*, That said application be referred to the Committee on Sites and School Houses.

Mr. KERR presented a communication from the School Officers of the Twenty-second Ward, nominating Terrence Reilly as Trustee for said Ward in place of Nathaniel S. Wing, resigned.

*Ordered*, That said communication be referred to the Committee on Elections and Qualifications.

Mr. KERR also presented the application of the School Officers of the Twenty-second Ward for a New Primary School in said Ward.

*Ordered*, That said application be referred to the Committee on New Schools.

Mr. GRAY presented a communication from the School Officers of the Nineteenth Ward in relation to the fuel furnished the Schools in said Ward.

*Ordered*, That said communication be referred to the Clerk of this Board.

Mr. PRESIDENT delivered his inaugural address to the Board of Education.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That a copy be requested, and that one thousand copies thereof be printed. (See Printed Doc No. 1.)

Mr. PRESIDENT announced the standing committees of the Board, which, together with those heretofore elected, are as follows:—

1.—*Executive Committee on Free Academy.*

Mr. Williams,	Mr. Tuthill,
Mr. Boese,	Mr. Baldwin,
Mr. Ranney,	Mr. Tweed,
Mr. Fellows.	

2.—*Executive Committee on Normal Schools.*

Mr. Davenport,	Mr. Lydecker,
Mr. Eager,	Mr. Rollins,
Mr. Kerr,	Mr. Scofield,
Mr. Roche.	

3.—*Executive Committee on Evening Schools.*

Mr. White,	Mr. Farley,
Mr. A. Smith,	Mr. Slote,
Mr. Bootman,	Mr. Sinclair,
Mr. Ware.	

4.—*Committee on Annual Apportionment and Rep*

Mr. Benedict,	Mr. Waterbury,
Mr. Auld,	Mr. Niven,
Mr. Henry.	

5.—*Finance Committee.*

Mr. Burlew,	Mr. Brooker,
Mr. Denike,	Mr. Hooper,
Mr. Auld.	

6.—*Committee on New Schools.*

Mr. Neilson,	Mr. Williams,
Mr. Baldwin,	Mr. Lecomte,
Mr. Clark.	

7.—*Committee on Sites and School Houses.*

Mr. Tuthill,	Mr. Lydecker,
Mr. Sinclair,	Mr. Rollins,
Mr. Shine.	

8.—*Committee on School Furniture.*

Mr. Tweed,	Mr. Haines,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Mackean,
Mr. Scofield.	

9.—*Committee on Warming and Ventilation.*

Mr. Monteith,	Mr. Avery,
Mr. Clark,	Mr. Edwards,
Mr. Mackean,	

10.—*Committee on Repairs.*

Mr. Denike,	Mr. Eager.
Mr. Bootman,	Mr. Brooker,
Mr. Roche.	

11.—*Committee on Supplies.*

Mr. Davenport,	Mr. Boese,
Mr. Slote,	Mr. Farley,
Mr. White.	

12.—*Auditing Committee.*

Mr. Lydecker,	Mr. Henry,
Mr. Davenport,	Mr. Mackean,
Mr. Haines.	

13.—*Committee on By-Laws, Rules and Regulations.*

Mr. Baldwin,	Mr. Boese,
Mr. A. Smith,	Mr. Tuthill,
Mr. Benedict.	

14.—*Committee on Elections and Qualifications.*

Mr. Waterbury,	Mr. I. W. Smith,
Mr. Haskett,	Mr. Kerr,
Mr. Ranney.	

15.—*Committee on Correspondence.*

Mr. Henry,	Mr. Hooper,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Brooker,
Mr. Avery.	

16.—*Committee on the Course of Study and School Books.*

Mr. Haskett,	Mr. Neilson,
Mr. Hooper,	Mr. Williams,
Mr. Gray.	

17.—*Committee on Teachers.*

Mr. I. W. Smith,	Mr. Neilson,
Mr. Monteith,	Mr. Kerr,
Mr. Haskett.	

18.—*Committee on Salaries and Offices.*

Mr. Brown,	Mr. I. W. Smith,
Mr. Clark,	Mr. Lecomte,
Mr. Burlew.	

19.—*Committee on Libraries.*

Mr. Fellows,	Mr. Waterbury,
Mr. A. Smith,	Mr. Ware,
Mr. Gray.	

20.—*Committee on Free Scholarships.*

Mr. Sinclair,	Mr. Gray,
Mr. Niven,	Mr. Edwards,
Mr. Shine.	



Mr. PRESIDENT laid before the Board the monthly report of the City Superintendent of Schools, which was read.

Mr. BENEDICT offered the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That it be referred to a select committee of five, to inquire and report upon the propriety and expediency of making any changes in the Normal School arrangements of the Board, and the establishing a Female Free Academy, in connection with the Normal School, or otherwise.

Mr. TWEED moved that said resolution be amended by striking out the words "*a select committee of five*," and inserting: *the Executive Committee on Normal Schools*.

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the said amendment of Mr. TWEED, and it was decided in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. WATERBURY, the said resolution was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. BALDWIN—

*Ordered*, That the report of the City Superintendent of Schools be printed. (See Printed Doc. No. 3.)

Mr. PRESIDENT laid before the Board a communication from the City Superintendent, enclosing one from B. Ullman, Esq., on behalf of M. Thalberg, proposing to give a series of Free Concerts to the pupils of the Public Schools, commencing on the 16th inst.

Mr. WATERBURY moved that said communications be referred to the Committee on Course of Studies. Lost.

On motion—

*Ordered*, That said communications be referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

Mr. PRESIDENT laid before the Board a communication from Prof. John A. Sconcia, on the subject of Musical Instruction in the Public Schools. Laid on the table.

Mr. PRESIDENT also laid before the Board a communication from William L. Ormsby, relative to teaching Phonography in the Normal Schools.

*Ordered*, That said communication be referred to the Committee on the Course of Studies and School Books.

Mr. PRESIDENT laid before the Board a communication from

J. S. Denman, submitting copies of the *Student's Speaker* and *Denman's Instructive Series*, No. 1.

*Ordered*, That said communication and the said books be referred to the Committee on School Books and Course of Studies.

Mr. PRESIDENT also laid before the Board a communication from Mrs. C. M. Kirkland, together with a copy of her lately published *Memoirs of Washington*, which is submitted as a reading book for the Public Schools.

*Ordered*, That said communication be referred to the Committee on School Books and Course of Studies.

Mr. TUTHILL offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the President and Clerk are hereby directed to sign a check for fifty dollars being the amount of G. P. Andrews' bill for legal services rendered the School Board of the Fifth Ward, said bill having been duly audited by said Board and filed in the Clerk's office.

*Ordered*, That the said resolution be referred to the Finance Committee.

Mr. NEILSON asked to be excused from serving on the committees to which he had been appointed by the President.

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would grant the request of Mr. NEILSON, and it was decided in the negative.

On motion of Mr. RANNEY—

*Resolved*, That the President and Clerk of this Board be and they are hereby authorized to apply for and receive from the Regents of the University the distributive share of the Literature Fund apportioned to the Free Academy for the year 1856.

On motion of Mr. WATERBURY—

*Resolved*, That the President and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to sign a warrant in favor of A. Woods for the payment of his bill for stoves, pipe, labor, &c., for Ward School No. 33, amounting to one hundred and ninety-six dollars.

On motion of Mr. BENEDICT—

*Resolved*, That so much of the President's remarks as relate to the children of the city who do not attend the schools be referred to a Select Committee.

On motion of Mr. SINCLAIR—

*Resolved*, That the President and Clerk furnish to this Board at its next meeting a detailed statement of the amount of money expended for printing during the year 1856, and the names of the parties who have received the same, as follows :

For printing the Journal of 1856.

For printing the Documents of do.

For printing the Annual and other Reports during the year 1856.

For printing the Manual of 1856.

“ “ Directory of 1856.

For printing notices and blanks for the use of this Board and its different Committees.

Mr. BURLEW presented the report of the Finance Committee recommending the adoption of the following resolutions :

*Resolved*, That the sum of \$113,804 97 be reserved and set apart out of the school moneys of 1857 to meet the balances of appropriations made prior to the first day of January, 1857.

*Resolved*, That the sum of \$29,767 21 be reserved and set apart from the school moneys of 1857 to meet checks drawn on the City Treasury in the year 1856, beyond the amount deposited by the Comptroller to the credit of the Board during that year.

*Resolved*, That the following sums are hereby reserved and set apart from the school moneys for the year 1857 and appropriated for the following named purposes, to be paid as may be required :

For salaries of Teachers and Janitors in the Ward and Primary Schools .....	\$500,000
For incidental expenses of the said Schools, including current repairs and fuel.....	65,000
For repairs through the shop.....	10,000
For books and supplies, stationery, &c., for said schools.....	80,000
For rent of premises occupied for school purposes....	11,000
For apportionment to the Corporate Schools.....	25,000
For the support of the Free Academy .....	45,000
For repairs and fitting up of the Free Academy, apparatus, &c.....	2,000

For the support of the Normal Schools.....	15,000
For the support of the Evening Schools.....	45,000
For salaries of the City Superintendent and Assistants, Clerk of the Board of Education and Assistants, In- specter of Fuel, Janitors, &c.....	24,000
For the incidental expenses of the Board of Education, including printing, fuel and repairs for the Hall, &c .....	11,000

RICHARD BURLEW, ABRAHAM DENIKE, SAMUEL AULD, JOHN HOOPER, STEPHEN BROOKER,	} Committee.
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On motion of Mr. WATERBURY—

*Ordered*, That said report be laid on the table and printed.  
(See Printed Doc. No. 2.)

Mr. WATERBURY offered the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the following sums are hereby appropriated  
out of the school moneys of 1857 for the purposes herein named,  
to wit :

For the salaries of Teachers and Janitors in the Ward and Primary Schools .....	\$40,000
For books and supplies.....	25,000
For the rent of premises occupied for school purposes..	4,000
For the salaries of the Superintendents and Assistants,	5,000
For the incidental expenses of Ward Schools.....	10,000
For the support of the Evening Schools.....	5,000

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would  
agree with the said resolution, and it was decided in the affirm-  
ative, as follows :

*Ayes*—Messrs. Brown, Auld, Hooper, Avery, Lecompte,  
Ware, Shine, Tuthill, Eager, Roche, Sinclair, Denike, Boot-  
man, Lydecker, A. Smith, Slote, Clark, White, Rollins, Mackean,  
Brooker, Scofield, Boese, Green, Burlew, I. W. Smith, Has-  
kett, Fellows, Baldwin, Neilson, Gray, Farley, Waterbury,  
Davenport, Kerr—35.

Mr. BURLEW presented the following resolution of the Fi-  
nance Committee:

*Resolved*, That the Comptroller of the city be, and he is

hereby requested to authorize the City Chamberlain to place in the City Treasury the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars subject to the drafts of the Board of Education on and after the 10th day of February, 1857.

RICHARD BURLEW,	}	Finance Committee.
ABRAHAM DENIKE,		
STEPHEN BROOKER,		
SAMUEL AULD,		
JOHN HOOPER,		

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

## **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1857.**

### **STATED SESSION.**

*Present*—Andrew H. Green, Esq., President, and Commissioners Auld, Hooper, Niven, Lecomte, Shine, Tuthill, Roche, Sinclair, Denike, Tweed, Bootman, Lydecker, A. Smith, Slote, Clark, White, Rollins, Williams, Mackean, Brooker, Scofield, Boese, Burlew, Benedict, I. W. Smith, Haskett, Henry, Fellows, Baldwin, Gray, Farley, Waterbury, Monteith, Ranney, Davenport, Edwards, Kerr—38.

*Absent*—Commissioners Brown, Avery, Ware, Eager, Haines, Neilson—6.

The Journal of the last session was read and approved.

Mr. ROCHE presented a communication from the School Officers of the Sixth Ward, nominating Michael McLaughlin as Trustee of Common Schools in said Ward.

*Ordered*, That the said communication be referred to the Committee on Elections and Qualifications.

Mr. DAVENPORT presented the application of the School Officers of the Twenty-first Ward, for an appropriation to enlarge School House No. 14, in Twenty-seventh street.

*Ordered*, That said application be referred to the Committee on Repairs.

Mr. BOESE presented the application of the School Officers of the Fourteenth Ward, for authority to advertise for proposals for certain alterations and repairs at School Houses Nos. 21 and 32 in said Ward.

*Ordered*, That said application be referred to the Committee on Repairs.

Mr. BOESE presented a communication from the School Officers of the Fourteenth Ward, in relation to placing the Evening Schools under the exclusive jurisdiction of the School Officers of the several Wards.

Mr. SINCLAIR moved that the said communication be referred to the Committee on Evening Schools.

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the said motion, and it was decided in the negative.

Mr. WATERBURY moved that said communication be referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the said motion, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

*Ayes*—Messrs. Tuthill, Denike, Tweed, Lydecker, Mackean, Brooker, Scofield, Boese, Burlew, Benedict, I. W. Smith, Haskett, Baldwin, Gray, Monteith, Ranney, Davenport, Kerr—18

*Nays*—Messrs. Niven, Lecomte, Shine, Roche, Sinclair, A. Smith, Slote, Clark, White, Rollins, Henry, Fellows, Farley, Edwards—14.

Mr. SCOFIELD presented a communication from the School Officers of the Thirteenth Ward, nominating Sandy Higgins a Trustee for said Ward.

*Ordered*, That said communication be referred to the Committee on Elections and Qualifications.

Mr. SINCLAIR presented a communication from Robert H. Shannon, submitting a bill for legal services.

*Ordered*, That said communication and bill be referred to the Finance Committee.

Mr. PRESIDENT laid before the Board a communication from Professor Jeager, in relation to a new map.

*Ordered*, That said communication be referred to the Committee on School Books and Course of Studies.

Mr. PRESIDENT laid before the Board a communication from Charles King, Esq., President of Columbia College, inviting the Board to attend the Semi-Annual Celebration of said College.

On motion of Mr. I. W. SMITH, said invitation was accepted.

Mr. PRESIDENT laid before the Board a communication from the Clerk, in answer to the resolution adopted on the 4th inst. in relation to printing.

Mr. SINCLAIR offered the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That 500 copies of said communication be printed and that it be referred to the Committee on By Laws, Rules &c., to prepare and report a suitable By-Law, for the creation

of a standing committee to be known as the "Printing Committee," whose duty it shall be to direct and superintend the printing of this Board, and its several Committees; which Committee shall be required to advertise for estimates, and give out said printing by contract, to the lowest bidder, whenever the same is practicable. And that the Committee on By-Laws, Rules, &c., report upon this subject at the next meeting of this Board.

Mr. BOESE moved that said resolution be amended by striking out the words: "*That 500 copies of said communication be printed, and that it be*" and inserting in place thereof, "*That it be entered on the Journal and*"

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the said motion, and it was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. PRESIDENT then put the question whether the Board would agree with the resolution as amended, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows:—

*Ayes*—Messrs. Niven, Lecomte, Shine, Roche, Sinclair, Denike, Tweed, Lydecker, A. Smith, Slote, Clark, White, Rollins, Mackean, Brooker, Boese, Green, Haskett, Henry, Fellows, Waterbury, Monteith, Ranney, Edwards, Kerr—25.

*Nays*—Messrs. Bootman, Williams, Scofield, Burlew, I. W. Smith, Gray, Farley, Davenport—8.

Mr. ROCHE offered the following resolution:—

*Resolved*, That the President and Clerk be and are hereby authorized and directed to draw a warrant or check to the order of Samuel Waddell, for the sum of \$160, for bill of extra work, done on Ward School No. 23, said bill having been duly audited and passed for payment by the Board of School Officers of the Sixth Ward.

On motion—

*Ordered*, That the said resolution be referred to the Committee on Repairs.

On motion of Mr. BURLEW:

*Resolved*, That the President and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to pay to Miss Annie Linebeck, (Teacher in Ward School No. 10,) the amount of her salary for the month of October, 1856, being fourteen dollars and fifty-eight cents.

Mr. SINCLAIR offered the following resolution:—



*Resolved*, That the Board of School Officers of the Sixth Ward are hereby authorized and directed to pay to Mrs. Mary Nicholson, or her attorney, the sum of Five Hundred Dollars, being the amount received by them for rent of premises Nos. 62 and 64 Mott street, being in addition to the amount heretofore appropriated by this Board, for the purchase of said premises; said amount to be so paid whenever the proper certificate has been filed in the Clerk's office.

*Ordered*, That said resolution be referred to the Finance Committee.

Mr. TWEED presented the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the President and Clerk of this Board are hereby directed to pay the Bill of Doughty & Brother, for carpets furnished the schools of the Seventh Ward, amounting to \$187 18, the same having been duly audited by the School Officers of said Ward, and filed in the Clerk's office.

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows:—

*Ayes*—Messrs. Niven, Tuthill, Roche, Sinclair, Denike, Tweed, Lydecker, A. Smith, Haines, Slote, Clark, White, Rollins, Williams, Mackean, Scofield, Boese, Henry, Fellows, Baldwin, Gray, Farley, Waterbury, Monteith, Ranney, Davenport, Edwards—27.

*Nays*—Messrs. Lecomte, Bootman, Brooker, Green, Burlew, Benedict, I. W. Smith, Haskett, Kerr—9.

Mr. SCOFIELD offered the following resolution:—

*Resolved*, That the President and Clerk are hereby directed to pay the bill of George H. Curtis, for services as music teacher, in the schools of the Thirteenth Ward, amounting to \$31 25, the same having been duly audited by the School Officers, and filed in the Clerk's office.

*Ordered*, That said resolution be referred to the Finance Committee.

Mr. BURLEW presented the report of the Finance Committee, on the subject of furnishing the new School House in Chrystie street, recommending the adoption of the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the School Officers of the Tenth Ward are hereby authorized and directed to re-advertise for proposals for

fitting up and furnishing the new School House in Chrystie street, in accordance with this report.

RICHARD BURLEW, ABRAHAM DENIKE, STEPHEN BROOKER, SAMUEL AULD, JOHN HOOPER.	}	Committee.
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Mr. SLOTE moved that the resolution presented by the Finance Committee be amended by striking out all after the word *Resolved*, and inserting as follows :

That the sum of seven thousand five hundred and twenty-four dollars and ninety-five cents (\$7,524 95) be, and the same is hereby appropriated to fit up and furnish the New School House, No. 20, in the Tenth Ward, according to the plans and specifications on file in the Clerk's office, but no portion of such money shall be paid until the School Officers shall have filed with the Clerk of this Board the contract therefor; together with the certificate of the School Officers of the said Ward, and the Superintendent of School buildings, that the work has been completed to their satisfaction.

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the motion of Mr. SLOTE, and it was decided in the affirmative as follows :

*Ayes*—Messrs. Niven, Lecomte, Shine, Tuthill, Roche, Sinclair, Tweed, Lydecker, A. Smith, Slote, Clark, White, Rollins, Scofield, Boese, Burlew, Benedict, I. W. Smith, Haskett, Henry, Fellows, Baldwin, Farley, Waterbury—24.

*Nays*—Messrs. Auld, Hooper, Denike, Bootman, Williams, Mackean, Brooker, Green, Gray, Monteith, Ranney, Davenport, Edwards, Kerr—14.

Mr. PRESIDENT then put the question whether the Board would agree with the resolution as amended, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

*Ayes*—Messrs. Niven, Lecomte, Shine, Tuthill, Roche, Sinclair, Tweed, Lydecker, A. Smith, Slote, Clark, White, Rollins, Scofield, Boese, Burlew, Benedict, I. W. Smith, Haskett, Henry, Fellows, Baldwin, Farley, Waterbury—24.

*Nays*—Messrs. Hooper, Denike, Bootman, Williams, Mackean, Brooker, A. H. Green, Gray, Monteith, Ranney, Davenport, Edwards, Kerr—13.

Mr. DAVENPORT presented the report of the Executive Committee on Normal Schools, recommending the adoption of the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That this Committee nominate to the Board for the filling of the vacancy in the Male Normal School occasioned by the death of Mr. Reuck, *Mr. William H. Wood*, now employed in said School as Arithmetical and General Teacher, to be Teacher of Mathematics ; and to fill the vacancy occasioned by the transfer of Mr. Wood, *Mr. John G. McNary*, of Ward School No. 11, as Arithmetical and General Teacher in said Male Department at the annual salary of \$350, as at present provided, to take effect from the date of his entering upon his duties, and ask that said nominations be confirmed by the Board of Education.

On motion—

*Ordered*, That the said appointments be made in conformity with the said nomination.

Mr. BURLEW presented the report of the Finance Committee on the application of School Officers of the Thirteenth Ward, with the following resolution annexed :

*Resolved*, That the sum of \$934 71 be, and is hereby appropriated to pay the bills for repairs at School House No. 34 in Broome street, in the Thirteenth Ward, rendered necessary by the fire in the building on the 24th of November, 1856, and that the President and Clerk be directed to sign the warrants therefor.

RICHARD BURLEW,	} Committee.
ABRAHAM DENIKE,	
STEPHEN BROOKER,	
SAMUEL AULD,	
JOHN HOOPER,	

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

*Ayes*—Messrs. Auld, Hooper, Niven, Lecomte, Shine, Tut-hill, Roche, Sinclair, Denike, Tweed, Lydecker, A. Smith, Slote, Clark, Rollins, Mackean, Brooker, Scofield, Boese, Benedict, I. W. Smith, Haskett, Henry, Fellows, Baldwin, Gray, Waterbury, Monteith, Ranney, Davenport, Edwards, Kerr—32.

*Nays*—Messrs. Bootman, White, Green, Farley—4.

Mr. LYDECKER presented the report of the Auditing Com-

mittee approving certain bills for expenses of the Board and recommending the adoption of the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the above named bills amounting to seven hundred and thirty-one dollars and fourteen cents, are hereby approved, and the President and Clerk directed to pay the same forthwith.

JOHN R. LYDECKER,	} Committee.
JAMES F. HENRY,	
JAMES MACKEAN,	
JOHN DAVENPORT,	

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. TUTHILL presented the report of the Committee on Sites and School Houses in relation to the purchase of a school site on Twenty-eighth street, with the following resolution annexed :

*Resolved*, That the sum of seventeen thousand two hundred and fifty dollars be, and is hereby appropriated for the purchase of five lots of ground on the southerly side of Twenty-eighth street, the easterly line of which lots is one hundred and seventy-five feet west of the Ninth Avenue ; which lots are one hundred and twenty-five feet in front and rear, and one-half the block in depth, be the same more or less ; but no part of said money shall be paid until the certificate of the Counsel to the Corporation be filed in the office of the Clerk of this Board that the title to the said property is vested in the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the city of New York.

JAMES M. TUTHILL,	} Committee.
A. B. ROLLINS,	
JOHN R. LYDECKER,	
WILLIAM SINCLAIR,	
EUGENE SHINE,	

Mr. BOOTMAN moved that the said report be referred to the Finance Committee. Lost.

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

*Ayes*—Messrs. Hooper, Niven, Lecomte, Shine, Tuthill, Roche, Sinclair, Tweed, Lydecker, A. Smith, Slote, Clark, White, Rollins, Williams, Mackean, Scofield, Boese, Benedict, I. W. Smith, Haskett, Henry, Fellows, Baldwin, Gray, Farley, Waterbury, Monteith, Ranney, Edwards—30.

*Nays*—Messrs. Bootman, Green, Brooker—3.

Mr. WATERBURY presented the report of the Committee on Elections and Qualifications, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions :

*Resolved*, That ANDREW J. PERRY is hereby appointed as Trustee of Common Schools for the First Ward, in place of Samuel Auld, who has entered upon the duties of the office of Commissioner of Common Schools for said Ward.

*Resolved*, That JOHN T. HENRY is hereby appointed as Inspector of Common Schools for the Fifth Ward, in place of James G. Jacobus, who has omitted to take the oath of office prescribed by the Constitution of this State, before the Clerk of this Board ; and ANDREW W. LEGGATT, as Trustee of Common Schools for said Ward, in place of William B. Eager, Jr., resigned ; and LEMUEL W. PARKES, as Trustee, in place of James M. Wilson, resigned.

*Resolved*, That WILLIAM MENCK is hereby appointed as Trustee of Common Schools for the Twentieth Ward, in place of Michael Schweyer, who declined to accept that office.

*Resolved*, That S. M. BOGERT be not appointed as Trustee of Common Schools for the Third Ward, inasmuch as the nomination of the School Officers for the said Ward does not state that the nomination was agreed to by them ; and that L. N. LECOMPTE and C. W. FRAZER be not appointed as Trustees of Common Schools for the said Ward, for the same reason ; and for further reason, that no proof has been filed with the Clerk of this Board that the vacancies which they are nominated to fill were declared at a meeting called to determine the question, of which all the School Officers were personally notified.

*Resolved*, That TERENCE REILLY be not appointed as Trustee of Common Schools for the Twenty-second Ward, inasmuch as no letter of resignation by N. S. Wing has been filed with the Clerk of this Board.

NELSON G. WATERBURY,	} Committee.
ISAAC WM. SMITH,	
W. JAY HASKETT,	
DAVID B. KERR,	
L. RANNEY,	

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolutions, and it was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. HENRY presented the report of the Committee on Correspondence in relation to the concerts given to the pupils of the Public Schools by M. Thalberg.

*Ordered*, That said report be placed on file.

Mr. BURLEW presented the report of the Finance Committee, recommending the adoption of the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the President and Clerk of this Board be directed to pay the bill of G. P. Andrews, amounting to \$50, for legal services rendered to the School Officers of the Fifth Ward in relation to the school site on West Broadway, the same having been duly audited and filed in the Clerk's office.

RICHARD BURLEW,	} Committee.
ABRAHAM DENIKE,	
STEPHEN BROOKER,	
SAMUEL AULD,	
JOHN HOOPER,	

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

*Ayes*—Messrs. Niven, Lecomte, Shine, Tuthill, Roche, Sinclair, Denike, Tweed, Bootman, Lydecker, A. Smith, Slote, Clark, White, Rollins, Williams, Mackean, Brooker, Scofield, Boese, Burlew, Benedict, I. W. Smith, Haskett, Henry, Fellows, Baldwin, Farley, Waterbury, Monteith, Davenport, Edwards, Kerr—33.

*Nay*—A. H. Green—1.

Mr. SINCLAIR offered the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the President and Clerk be and are hereby authorized and directed to sign a warrant or check to the order of Morgan Jones for the sum of \$315 $\frac{27}{8}$  for services and materials furnished in fitting up gas fixtures in Evening Schools of the Sixth Ward, said work having been authorized and directed by the Executive Committee on Evening Schools, and the bills therefor duly audited and passed by said Committee.

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

*Ayes*—Messrs. Auld, Lecomte, Shine, Tuthill, Roche, Sinclair, Denike, Tweed, Bootman, Lydecker, A. Smith, Slote, Clark, White, Rollins, Williams, Mackean, Scofield, Boese, Benedict, I. W. Smith, Haskett, Henry, Fellows, Baldwin, Gray, Farley, Waterbury, Monteith, Davenport, Edwards—31.

*Nay*—A. H. Green—1.

On motion of Mr. WATERBURY—

*Resolved*, That the President and Clerk are authorized and directed to sign warrants for the payment of all bills for fuel purchased by the Trustees of the several Wards by reason of the failure of the contractor to supply the same, provided that such bills are duly audited by the School Officers of the respective Wards, and approved by the Committee on Supplies of this Board; and that the excess of cost, if any, be charged to the contractor.

On motion of Mr. HENRY—

*Resolved*, That the President and Clerk of this Board are hereby directed to sign a check for fifty-five  $55\frac{4}{5}$  dollars in favor of Geo. H. Curtis, it being for his bill for musical instruction rendered to the schools in the Seventeenth Ward, the said bill having passed the local board of said ward unanimously on the 21th December, 1856, and is now in the hands of the President and Clerk of this Board, and the payment of the same is withheld.

Mr. BENEDICT offered the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That a Select Committee of five be appointed to inquire and report upon the propriety and expediency of establishing a Female Free Academy.

Mr. BROOKER moved that said resolution be laid on the table.

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the said motion, and it was decided in the negative, as follows :

*Ayes*—Messrs. Hooper, Lecomte, Shine, Denike, Tweed, Bootman, Rollins, Brooker, Scofield, Boese, Haskett, Gray—12.

*Nays*—Messrs. Auld, Tuthill, Roche, Sinclair, Lydecker, Smith, Slote, Clark, White, Williams, Mackean, Green, Burlew, Benedict, I. W. Smith, Henry, Fellows, Baldwin, Farley, Waterbury, Davenport—21.

Mr. PRESIDENT then put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. WATERBURY—

*Resolved*, That the Principal of each Grammar School assemble the pupils of such school, at two o'clock, on Monday, the 23d day of February instant, and cause Washington's Farewell Address to be read to them.

On motion of Mr. HASKETT—

*Ordered*, That the communication from Professor Sconcia be taken from the table and referred to the Committee on School Books.

Mr. PRESIDENT announced the following appointments of *Visitors for the Evening Schools*, in compliance with Sec. 6 of Art. 21 of the By-Laws :

1st Ward, Mr. Auld.	15th Ward, Mr. Burlew.
5th Ward, " Tuthill,	16th Ward, " Haskett.
7th Ward, " Denike.	18th Ward, " Baldwin.
12th Ward, " Mackean.	20th Ward, " Montith.
13th Ward, " Scofield.	21st Ward, " Ranney.
14th Ward, " Boese.	22d Ward, " Kerr.

On motion of Mr. SLOTE—

*Resolved*, That the School Officers of the Tenth Ward are hereby authorized to extend the time for completing the School House, in Chrystie street, in said ward, until the first of May next, providing the parties to the contracts for the erection of said house express their consent in writing, and file the same in the Clerk's office.

On motion of Mr. BURLEW—

*Ordered*, That the consideration of Document No. 2 be made the special order at the next meeting of the Board, immediately after the third order of business.

A call of the House being ordered, the Clerk called the roll, and the following members answered to their names :

Messrs. Hooper, Lecomte, Shine, Tuthill, Sinclair, Denike, Tweed, Lydecker, Clark, Rollins, Mackean, Brooker, Scofield, Boese, Green, Burlew, Benedict, Haskett, Baldwin, Gray, Waterbury, Davenport—22.

A quorum not being present, the Board adjourned.





**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 1857.**

**STATED SESSION.**

*Present*—Andrew H. Green, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hooper, Lecomte, Shine, Tuthill, Eager, Roche, Sinclair, Denike, Tweed, Bootman, Lydecker, A. Smith, Haines, Slote, White, Rollins, Williams, Mackean, Brooker, Scofield, Bosse, Burlew, Benedict, I. W. Smith, Haskett, Henry, Fellows, Baldwin, Neilson, Gray, Farley, Waterbury, Monteith, Ranney, Davenport—36.

*Absent*—Commissioners Brown, Auld, Niven, Avery, Ware, Clark, Edwards, Kerr—8.

The journal of the last session was read and approved.

Mr. ROOHE presented the application of the School Officers of the Sixth Ward, for authority to erect a new Primary School in said ward.

*Ordered*, That said application be referred to the Committee on Sites and School Houses.

Mr. ROLLINS presented the application of the School Officers of the Eleventh ward, for authority to advertise for proposals to erect a new Primary School in said ward.

*Ordered*, That said application be referred to the Committee on Sites and School Houses.

Mr. SHINE presented a communication from a Committee of the School Officers of the Fourth Ward, in relation to the purchase of a school site in said ward.

*Ordered*, That said communication be referred to the Committee on Sites and School Houses.

Mr. LECOMTE presented a communication from the School Officers of the Third Ward, in regard to nominations to fill vacancies in the Board of School Officers of said ward.

*Ordered*, That said communication be referred to the Committee on Elections and Qualifications.

Mr. WATERBURY presented a communication from the School Officers of the Twentieth Ward, submitting plans for a new School House in said ward.

*Ordered*, That said communication be referred to the Committee on Sites and School Houses.

Mr. PRESIDENT laid before the Board a communication from Cornelius Mahony in relation to music.

*Ordered*, That said communication be referred to the Committee on the Course of Studies and School Books.

Mr. PRESIDENT also laid before the Board, a communication from Messrs. Morse and Gaston, relative to the Diamond Atlas and Map.

*Ordered*, That said communication be referred to the Committee on the Course of Studies and School Books.

Mr. BALDWIN presented the following resolution from the Committee on By-Laws, which was adopted, to wit :

*Resolved*, That the President and Clerk of this Board are hereby authorized and directed to pay all bills for the workshop, including pay rolls of workmen—whenever the same shall be audited and approved by the Committee on Repairs ; until otherwise ordered by this Board.

Mr. BOESE presented the following, which was adopted :

*Whereas*, The systematic exchange of reports and other documents between this Board and other educational organizations, would result in gathering at the rooms of this Board a library of books on this subject, of great utility, and such as are daily required for reference, at no expense except that of the necessary postage ; Therefore,

*Resolved*, That the President of this Board be authorized to take measures to effect such exchange, and for the preservation and arrangement of the documents obtained through such exchange.

Mr. WATERBURY offered the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the President and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to sign a warrant in favor of Dennis & Burras, for ninety-two dollars and forty cents, for putting up bells in Ward School No. 48.

Mr. SINCLARE moved to amend the said resolution, by adding at the end thereof the following :

*Resolved*, That the President and Clerk be and are hereby authorized to sign a warrant or check to the order of James Renwick, jr., for the sum of \$60, for services rendered by him as architect, in Ward School No. 23—said bill having been duly audited and passed for payment by the Board of School Officers of the Sixth ward.

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the said amendment, and it was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. DAVENPORT moved further to amend said resolution, by adding at the end thereof, as follows :

*Resolved*, That the President and Clerk of this Board are hereby authorized and directed to pay the sum of eleven dollars for expenses of the course of lectures lately delivered before this Board by Mr. Willis, the bill therefor having been approved by the Executive Committee on Normal Schools.

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the said amendment, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

*Ayes*—Messrs. Ware, Shine, Roche, Sinclair, Tweed, A. Smith, Haines, White, Rollins, Williams, Mackean, Scofield, Boese, Benedict, I. W. Smith, Henry, Fellows, Baldwin, Neilson, Waterbury, Monteith, Ranney, Davenport—23.

*Nays*—Messrs. Tuthill, Eager, Denike, Bootman, Lydecker, Brooker, Green, Haskett—8.

Mr. PRESIDENT then put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolution as amended, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

*Ayes*—Messrs. Lecomte, Shine, Roche, Sinclair, Tweed, A. Smith, Haines, White, Rollins, Williams, Mackean, Scofield, Benedict, I. W. Smith, Henry, Fellows, Baldwin, Neilson, Waterbury, Montieth, Ranney, Davenport—22.

*Nays*—Messrs. Hooper, Tuthill, Eager, Denike, Bootman, Lydecker, Brooker, Green, Haskett—9.

On motion of Mr. WATERBURY—

*Resolved*, That the rules be suspended for the purpose of permitting the immediate consideration of resolutions, but no amendment shall be in order to any such resolution inconsistent with its original character.

Mr. WATERBURY offered the following resolution—

*Resolved*, That the President and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to sign a warrant in favor of Robert Paton for two hundred dollars, for twenty drawing desks furnished for and put up in Ward School No. 48.

Mr. BROOKER moved to refer the said resolution to the Committee on School Furniture.—Lost.

Mr. BURLEW moved to lay said resolution on the table.—Lost.

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. RANNEY offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the President of this Board be respectfully requested, in regard to all doubtful bills, which he cannot conscientiously sign, to consult with the Committee on By-Laws, and if a majority of that Committee shall vote in favor of his signature, he shall be expected to sign the same without farther objections.

Mr. WATERBURY moved to amend said resolution by striking out "*the Committee on By-Laws*" and inserting as follows :

"A Special Committee consisting of the Chairmen of the Committees on Sites and School-Houses, School Furniture, Warming and Ventilation, Repairs, Supplies, Finance and Auditing.

Mr. BENEDICT moved that the following resolution be substituted for the resolution of Mr. RANNEY, and the proposed amendment of Mr. WATERBURY, which was agreed to by the Board :

*Resolved*, That when bills are presented to the President for payment, which in his judgment ought not to be paid without the direction of the Board, it shall be the duty of the President to bring such bills before the Board at its next meeting, under the order of Miscellaneous Communications.

Mr. PRESIDENT then put the question whether the Board would agree with the resolution of Mr. BENEDICT, and it was decided in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. WATERBURY—

*Resolved*, That the President and Clerk be hereby authorized and directed to sign a warrant in favor of George W. Cooper

for three dollars, to reimburse him for money paid for removing snow from the sidewalk in front of Ward School No. 33, after the great snow storm of January 19th, 1857.

On motion of Mr. WILLIAMS—

*Resolved*, That the President and Clerk be requested to sign a warrant in favor of Chas. H. Kitchell for \$19 12, and in favor of J. L. Van Buren for \$21, for services rendered at the Free Academy ; the bills therefor having been unanimously approved by the Executive Committee on the Free Academy.

Mr. TWEED presented the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the President and Clerk of this Board be and are hereby authorized to draw a warrant in favor of W. H. Arthur & Co. for one hundred and twenty-seven  $\frac{1}{8}$  in full for bill of printing for the School Officers of the Seventh Ward for 1856, and unanimously approved by them.

On motion of Mr. I. W. SMITH said resolution was referred to the Finance Committee.

Mr. ROLLINS offered the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the President and Clerk are hereby directed to sign the following bills for work performed at the Schools of the Eleventh Ward in 1856, viz. :

Wm. Peterson, amounting to.....	\$1,008 05
James Watson, “ .....	573 78
Glover & Davidson, “ .....	219 02
Richard Squires, “ .....	276 86
Rufus Brooks, “ .....	523 63

said bills being now on file in the Clerk's office, duly audited and certified by the Trustees of said Ward.

*Ordered*, That said resolution be referred to the Committee on Repairs.

Mr. BALDWIN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the President and Clerk be authorized to pay the bill of Alexander McKenzie to the amount of one hundred and ninety-four dollars for plumbing work in Ward School No. 50, the same being the amount of his contract authorized by this Board and audited by the School Officers of the Eighteenth Ward.

*Ordered*, That said resolution be referred to the Finance Committee.

Mr. SINGLAIR offered the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the President and Clerk be and are hereby authorized to sign a warrant or check to the order of Frederick M. Peyser for the sum of \$184  $\frac{77}{100}$ , for supplies furnished to the schools of the Sixth Ward for the year 1856, said bill having been duly audited and passed for payment by the School Officers of the Sixth Ward.

*Ordered*, That said resolution be referred to the Finance Committee.

Mr. WATERBURY presented the following :

*Resolved*, That the President and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to sign a warrant in favor of Henry Spear for three hundred and seven dollars and forty-seven cents, for carpenters' work and materials furnished for the schools of the Twentieth Ward, as follows : For Primary School No. 54 from November, 1856, to February, 1857, \$6  $\frac{25}{100}$  ; for Ward School No. 33, from November 29th, 1856, to January 24th, 1857, \$45  $\frac{57}{100}$  ; for Primary School No. 56 from January 24th to February 7th, 1857, \$58  $\frac{62}{100}$  ; and for Ward School No. 48 from December 20th, 1856, to January 9th, 1857, \$197  $\frac{50}{100}$ .

*Ordered*, That said resolution be referred to the Committee on Repairs.

Mr. SINCLAIR offered the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the President and Clerk of this Board are hereby authorized and directed to sign a check or warrant to the order of Messrs. Williams, Stevens, Williams & Co., for the sum of \$26  $\frac{22}{100}$ , for supplies furnished to Ward Schools of Sixth Ward, said bills having been duly audited and passed for payment by the Board of School Officers of the Sixth Ward.

*Ordered*, That said resolution be referred to the Finance Committee.

Mr. BALDWIN presented the following :

*Resolved*, That the President and Clerk be authorized to pay the following bills, incurred for expenses in the Schools of the Eighteenth Ward, the same having been duly audited by the School Officers of the Eighteenth Ward, viz.:

Bill of Mary Crenian, for sweeping in Ward School	
No. 50, four weeks, at \$2.....	\$8 00
Bill of Mary Conlahan, for sweeping in Ward School	
No. 50, four weeks, at \$1.....	4 00
Bill of Baker & Godwin, for printing.....	68 00
Bill of Robert Paton, for four chairs for Ward School	
No. 40; four yards enamelled cloth, for Ward School	
No. 50.....	7 50

*Ordered*, That said resolution be referred to the Finance Committee.

On motion of Mr. LYDECKER—

*Resolved*, That the President and Clerk are hereby authorized to pay the last month's salary of Helen M. Knapp, Principal of Primary Department of Ward School No. 38, who is absent in consequence of sickness.

Mr. NEILSON presented the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the President and Clerk be authorized to pay a bill of David Christie, for eighty-nine  $1\frac{1}{2}$  dollars, for work done at Ward School No. 50, the same being duly audited by the School Officers of the Eighteenth Ward.

*Ordered*, That said resolution be referred to the Finance Committee.

On motion of Mr. WATERBURY—

*Resolved*, That the Committees to which the bills objected to by the President have been referred, be instructed to report thereon at the next meeting of this Board, and that said reports be made the special order, immediately after the third order of business.

On motion of Mr. BENEDICT—

*Resolved*, That the Committee on New Schools inquire and report whether it be not expedient to discontinue the Colored Schools in Thomas street, Laurens street and Mulberry street, and to convert the School-House in Grand street into a Colored School-House, and to enlarge and improve the School-House in Wooster street.

Mr. WATERBURY presented the following :

*Resolved*, That a Special Committee be appointed to visit Albany, as occasion may require, to examine and report to this Board in relation to the legislation proposed in regard to school matters in this city.

Mr. NEILSON moved that said resolution be laid on the table. Lost.

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the resolution of Mr. WATERBURY, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

*Ayes*—Messrs. Lecomte, Shine, Tuthill, Eager, Roche, Sinclair, Tweed, Lydecker, A. Smith, White, Rollins, Williams, Mackean, Boese, Benedict, I. W. Smith, Haskett, Henry, Fellows, Farley, Waterbury, Monteith—22.



*Nays*—Messrs. Hooper, Denike, Bootman, Brooker, Scofield, Burlew, Baldwin, Neilson, Gray, Ranney, Davenport—11.

Mr. PRESIDENT appointed Messrs. Waterbury, Roche, Boese, Tuthill and Lydecker, as such Committee.

Mr. FARLEY presented the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That five hundred dollars be, and the same are hereby appropriated to defray the expenses of the Committee to Albany.

*Ordered*, That said resolution be laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. HASKETT—

*Resolved*, That in consequence of the great importance of placing before the public a general and proper view of the educational matters of this city in a concise and clear manner, and in a convenient form, that 1,000 additional copies of the inaugural address of ANDREW H. GREEN, Esq., President, be printed for distribution.

Mr. BOOTMAN presented the application of the School Officers of the Eighth Ward, for authority to re-furnish School-House No. 8, in Grand street.

*Ordered*, That said application be referred to the Finance Committee.

Mr. WATERBURY offered the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the following sums are hereby appropriated out of the school moneys of 1857, for the purposes herein named, to wit :

For salaries of Teachers and Janitors in the Ward and Primary Schools.....	\$45,000
For incidental expenses of the Schools, including current repairs and fuel.....	10,000
For support of the Free Academy.....	5,000
For support of the Evening Schools.....	15,000
For Depository (Books and Supplies).....	15,000

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :—

*Ayes*—Messrs. Lecomte, Shine, Tuthill, Eager, Roche, Sinclair, Tweed, Bootman, Lydecker, A. Smith, White, Rollins, Williams, Mackean, Scofield, Boese, Green, Benedict, I. W. Smith, Haskett, Henry, Fellows, Neilson, Gray, Farley, Waterbury, Monteith, Davenport—28.

*Nays*—Messrs. Brooker, Burlew, Baldwin, Ranney—4.

Mr. BURLEW presented the report of the Finance Committee on the resolution relative to the application of Mrs. Mary Nicholson for interest on the purchase money of a school site in Mott street, with the following resolutions annexed :

*Resolved*, That the Board of Education has no jurisdiction over the moneys received for rent of property, the title of which is not vested in the city according to law.

*Resolved*, That the Finance Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

RICHARD BURLEW, }  
ABRAHAM DENIKE, } Committee.  
JOHN HOOPER, }

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolutions, and it was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. BURLEW presented the report of the Finance Committee, recommending the adoption of the following resolution :—

*Resolved*, That the President and Clerk are hereby directed to pay the bill of George H. Curtis, amounting to \$31 25, for services as Music Teacher in Ward School No. 34, Thirteenth Ward, the same having been duly audited by the School Officers of said Ward.

RICHARD BURLEW }  
ABRAHAM DENIKE, } Committee.  
JOHN HOOPER, }

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. BURLEW presented the report of the Finance Committee, recommending the adoption of the following resolution :—

*Resolved*, That the Comptroller of the city be and is hereby requested to authorize the City Chamberlain to place in the City Treasury the sum of ninety-five thousand dollars, subject to the drafts of the Board of Education on and after the 10th day of March, 1857.

RICHARD BURLEW, }  
JOHN HOOPER, } Committee.  
STEPHEN BROOKER, }  
ABRAHAM DENIKE, }

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would

agree with the said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. DENIKE presented the report of the Committee on Repairs, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:—

*Resolved*, That the President and Clerk be and are hereby authorized and directed to draw a warrant or check to the order of Samuel Waddell for the sum of \$160, for bill of extra work done on Ward School No. 23, said bill having been duly audited and passed for payment by the Board of School Officers of the Sixth Ward, and that the sum of \$160 is hereby appropriated for that purpose.

ABRAHAM DENIKE, STEPHEN BROOKER, WILLIAM B. EAGER, E. BOOTMAN, WALTER ROCHE,	}	Committee.
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Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative as follows :

*Ayes* — Messrs. Hooper, Lecomte, Shine, Tuthill, Eager, Roche, Sinclair, Denike, Tweed, Bootman, Lydecker, Slote, White, Rollins, Williams, Mackean, Scofield, Burlew, Benedict, I. W. Smith, Haskett, Henry, Fellows, Baldwin, Neilson, Gray, Farley, Waterbury, Monteith, Ranney, Davenport—31.

Mr. PRESIDENT announced the special order, being the consideration of Printed Document No. 2.

Mr. WATERBURY moved that the special order be postponed until the next meeting. Lost.

Mr. WHITE moved that the Board adjourn. Lost.

Mr. WATERBURY moved that Document No. 2 be made the special order at the next session of the Board after the fourth order of business. Lost.

Mr. PRESIDENT announced the following Special Committees:

*Committee on so much of the President's remarks as relate to the children of the city who do not attend the schools:* Messrs. Benedict, Tweed, Hooper, Boese, Farley.

*Committee to inquire and report upon the propriety and ex-*

*pediency of establishing a Free Academy for Females* : Messrs. Benedict, Williams, Waterbury, Neilson, Eager.

A call of the House being ordered, the following members answered to their names :

*Ayes* — Messrs. Hooper, Lecomte, Shine, Tuthill, Eager, Denike, Tweed, Lydecker, White, Williams, Mackean, Brooker, Scofield, Green, Haskett, Henry, Neilson, Gray, Farley, Waterbury, Davenport—21.

A quorum not being present, the Board adjourned.



## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 1857.

### STATED SESSION.

*Present*—Andrew H. Green, Esq., President, and Commissioners Auld, Hooper, Niven, Lecomte, Ware, Shine, Tuthill, Eager, Roche, Sinclair, Denike, Tweed, Bootman, Lydecker, A. Smith, Slote, Clark, White, Rollins, Mackean, Brooker, Scofield, Boese, Burlew, Benedict, I. W. Smith, Haskett, Henry, Fellows, Baldwin, Neilson, Farley, Waterbury, Monteith, Ranney, Davenport, Kerr—38.

*Absent*—Messrs. Commissioners Brown, Avery, Haines, Williams, Gray, Edwards—6.

The Journal of the last session was read and approved.

Mr. KERR presented a communication from Miss Caroline E. Church, in relation to her salary as teacher in Girl's Grammar School No. 28, Twenty-second Ward.

*Ordered*, That said communication be referred to the Committee on Teachers.

Mr. KERR presented a communication from the School Officers of the Twenty-second Ward, nominating Terence Reiley, as Trustee of Common Schools for said Ward, in place of N. S. Wing, removed from the ward.

*Ordered*, That said communication be referred to the Committee on Election and Qualifications.

Mr. DENIKE presented a communication from the School Officers of the Seventh Ward, in relation to the last payment on the contract with Cornelius Collins, for the alteration of School-House No. 12.

*Ordered*, That said communication be laid on the table.

Mr. SHINE presented a communication from the School Offi-

cers of the Fourth Ward, in relation to the purchase of a school site, in said Ward, with the following resolution annexed :

*Resolved*, That the sum of \$41,000 be, and is hereby appropriated for the purchase of lots Nos. 69, 71, 73, 75 Oliver street, for a site for a School-House in the Fourth Ward of this city.

Mr. LECOMTE presented the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the whole matter in relation to the purchase of a school site in the Fourth Ward, be referred to a Select Committee, and that said Committee be elected in pursuance of sec. 7 of Art. 4 of the By-Laws.

By consent, Mr. LECOMTE withdrew the said resolution.

On motion of Mr. NELSON the communication of the School Officers of the Fourth Ward was laid on the table.

Mr. MACKEAN presented the following communication from the School Officers of the Twelfth Ward :

At a meeting of the School Officers of the Twelfth Ward held on Wednesday, March 18, 1857, a quorum being present, the following preamble and resolutions were adopted:

*Whereas*, at a meeting of the Board of Ten Governors, held on Tuesday, 10th inst., the Committee on Randall's Island presented a report (a copy of which is appended) and the consideration of which now stands as the special order for Tuesday, 31st instant, in which report said Committee recommend that the Governor assume the entire control and management of the Randall's Island School; and,

*Whereas*, by reference to the report of a Select Committee to the Board of Education, of September 26, 1855 (Doc. No. 27), it will be seen that the Corporation of this city, in 1824, invited the Board of Trustees of the Public School Society to take charge of the education of the children at Bellevue, which was done, and for which purpose School No. 6 was organized; and since which period said school has been under the management and control, either of the Public School Society, or the Board of School Officers of the Twelfth Ward, thus constituting it at this time a *Ward* School, and not an Alms House School, as the Governors claim; and,

*Whereas*, it is proper that in view of the exigencies of the case as now presented, immediate action be had to ascertain and defend the rights of the Board of Education, therefore,

*Resolved*, That the attention of the Board of Education be

called to this matter, and that they be requested to take such action as the necessities of the case require.

WM. S. JENNINGS,  
Chairman.

JAMES MACKEAN,  
Sec'y *pro tem*.

EXTRACT FROM PROCEEDINGS OF THE GOVERNORS OF THE  
ALMS HOUSE.

The Committee on Randall's Island having had under consideration the resolution adopted by this Board on the 17th February, 1857, as follows :

" *Resolved*, That the Committee on Randall's Island be requested, at the earliest practical period, to report to this Board upon the propriety of assuming the entire charge and education of the children on Randall's Island," beg leave to

REPORT :

That on a careful examination of the subject, they believe it would be to the interest and welfare of the children, as well as to the discipline and proper police of the Institution, for the Board of Governors to assume the entire charge of the education of said children, and that under the 22d section of Act of 1854, it becomes their imperative duty to assume said charge; and also as the apartments now occupied are insufficient to accommodate the number of scholars attending school, and calling for extensive alterations and repairs which can only be done by and under the direction of this Board, your Committee respectfully submit for adoption the following resolutions :

*Resolved*, That the Board of Governors give notice to the Board of Education that from and after this date, the Board of Governors of the Alms House will assume the entire charge and control of the education of the children on Randall's Island.

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Randall's Island be instructed to report at the next meeting of this Board a system of re-organization to be adopted for the education of the children as they may deem expedient; and that said Committee have power to take such action as they may deem necessary for the interest of said school, until the final determination of this Board on that subject.

*Resolved*, That a copy of the foregoing resolutions be transmitted to the local School Board, and to the Teachers of each Department.

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Randall's Island be instructed to procure plans and specifications for the alteration



and ventilation, with estimate of the cost of the same, and report to this Board at as early a period as possible, and that a sum not exceeding fifty dollars be and is hereby appropriated to carry the same into effect.

DAN'L F. TIEMANN, }  
ISAAC J. OLIVER, } Committee.  
P. G. MOLONEY, }

Mr. MACKEAN offered the following resolution in relation thereto :

*Resolved*, That counsel be employed by this Board to obtain an injunction restraining the Board of Ten Governors from adopting or carrying into effect the resolutions appended to a report presented to said Board by the Committee on Randall's Island, on Tuesday, 10th instant, or from in any way interfering with the control and management of Ward School No. 6, on the part of the School Officers of the Twelfth Ward.

On motion—

*Ordered*, That said resolution be referred to the Committee on By-Laws, with power.

Mr. MACKEAN presented the following communication from the School Officers of the Twelfth Ward, to wit :

At a meeting of the School Officers of the Twelfth Ward, held Wednesday, March 18th, 1857, a quorum being present, the annexed communication was received from Isaac Dyckman, Esq., whereupon the following resolution was adopted :

*Resolved*, That the annexed communication from Isaac Dyckman, Esq., be transmitted to the Board of Education, with the request that they will take the necessary steps to have the proper conveyance of the fee of said land made to the city for school purposes.

WILLIAM S. JENNINGS,  
Chairman.

JAMES MACKEAN,  
Secty. *pro tem*.

#### PROPOSITION OF ISAAC DYCKMAN, ESQ.

Isaac Dyckman, of the Twelfth Ward of the city of New York, offers to cede to the Board of Education of the city of New York, for a site on which to erect a public school, a parcel of ground in the Twelfth Ward of the city of New York, situated on the easterly side of the old Kingsbridge road, opposite the carriage entrance or gate of John P. Cuming, and about four hundred feet easterly from the road leading from the Kings-

bridge road to Tubby-hook, near Two Hundred and Sixth street, and extending in front, on the Kingsbridge road, one hundred feet, and two hundred feet deep, the north and south sides to run at right angles to the line of the Tenth Avenue. The ground to be used as a site for a Public School, and for no other purpose; and if at any time it should not be used for that purpose, to return to the owner.

Dated the sixteenth day of March, 1857.

ISAAC DYCKMAN.

Witness,

JOHN P. DODGE.

On motion of Mr. MACKEAN—

*Resolved*, That the President and Clerk, on behalf of the Board of Education, be instructed to take the necessary steps to have the title of the land offered by Mr. Dyckman, at Tubby Hook, transferred to the city for the purposes mentioned in the communication of the School Officers of the Twelfth Ward.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Board are cordially tendered to Isaac Dyckman, Esq., for his very liberal gift of land for a school site at Tubby Hook.

Mr. PRESIDENT laid before the Board the monthly report of the City Superintendent of Schools.

*Ordered*, That said report be referred to the Committee on By-Laws, and that five hundred copies thereof be printed. (See Doc. No. 5.)

Mr. PRESIDENT laid before the Board the following communication :

A. H. GREEN, Esq.,

President of the Board of Education :

Sir,—The undersigned, members of the Finance Committee, beg leave to state, that having been elected to serve on said Committee in January last, without any solicitation on their part, and having felt honored by the confidence placed in them by this Board, in electing them to so honorable a position, they at once entered cheerfully upon their responsible and arduous duties, with an honest intention of fulfilling them so as to meet the approbation of this Board and the public.

In pursuance of this determination, they, at the first meeting of the Board, subsequent to its organization, made a report of its financial affairs—than which, at the present time, there is no subject of more importance requiring the attention of the Board—and which in their opinion should have been called up for early consideration; but from reasons unknown to them no

action has yet been taken upon it, and while the Board has since continued to appropriate funds, the report of the Committee still lies upon the table.

The inference drawn by the undersigned is, that the Committee is not so constituted as to command the confidence and respect of this Board; and in order that a Committee may be selected that will be more satisfactory to the majority of the Board, they beg leave respectfully to decline serving as members of the Finance Committee, and they hereby tender their resignations.

We remain, Sir,  
Very Respy.,  
Your Obt. Svts.,  
RICHARD BURLEW,  
ABRAHAM DENIKE,  
STEPHEN BROOKER.  
SAMUEL AULD.

New York, 18th March, 1857.

On motion, the said resignations were accepted.

Mr. WATERBURY moved to reconsider the last vote, accepting the said resignations. Lost.

Mr. BURLEW moved that the rules be suspended, and that the Board proceed to elect the members of the Finance Committee.

Mr. NEILSON moved that the said election be made the special order at the next session of the Board, immediately after the reading of the minutes. Lost.

Mr. PRESIDENT then put the question, whether the Board would agree with the motion of Mr. BURLEW, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows:—

*Ayes*—Messrs. Auld, Hooper, Ware, Shine, Tuthill, Eager, Roche, Sinclair, Denike, Tweed, Lydecker, A. Smith, Clark, Rollins, Mackean, Brooker, Scofield, Green, Burlew, Benedict, Haskett, Fellows, Waterbury, Monteith, Davenport—25.

*Nays*—Messrs. Niven, Bootman, I. W. Smith, Baldwin, Neilson, Kerr—6.

Mr. NEILSON moved that the Board take a recess of ten minutes. Lost.

The Board proceeded to ballot for members of the Finance Committee; Messrs. Fellows and I. W. Smith acting as tellers.

## FIRST BALLOT.

The tellers reported the whole number of ballots received, 35

Of which Mr. Benedict received .....	14	votes.
“ A. Smith “ .....	13	“
“ Sinclair “ .....	13	“
“ Brooker “ .....	13	“
“ I. W. Smith “ .....	12	“
“ Denike “ .....	12	“
“ Waterbury “ .....	11	“
“ Clark “ .....	10	“
“ Auld “ .....	8	“
“ Baldwin “ .....	7	“
“ Burlew “ .....	5	“
“ Neilson “ .....	4	“
“ Eager “ .....	3	“
“ Scofield “ .....	3	“
“ Davenport “ .....	3	“
“ Bootman “ .....	2	“
“ Ranney “ .....	2	“
“ Lydecker “ .....	2	“
“ Haskett “ .....	1	“
“ Boese “ .....	1	“
“ Brown “ .....	1	“

On motion of Mr. BOOTMAN the Board took a recess of ten minutes.

## SECOND BALLOT.

The Tellers reported the whole number of ballots received, 33.

Of which Mr. A. Smith received .....	15	votes.
“ I. W. Smith “ .....	15	“
“ Sinclair “ .....	14	“
“ Denike “ .....	13	“
“ Waterbury “ .....	13	“
“ Clark “ .....	13	“
“ Brooker “ .....	12	“
“ Bootman “ .....	7	“
“ Davenport “ .....	7	“
“ Auld “ .....	6	“
“ Benedict “ .....	3	“
“ Baldwin “ .....	3	“
“ Ranney “ .....	2	“
“ Tuthill “ .....	2	“
“ Eager “ .....	1	“
“ Lydecker “ .....	1	“
“ Green “ .....	1	“
“ Burlew “ .....	1	“
“ Neilson “ .....	1	“

On motion the Board adjourned.



## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 1857.

### STATED SESSION.

*Present*—Andrew H. Green, Esq., President, and Commissioners Brown, Hooper, Lecomte, Ware, Shine, Tuthill, Eager, Roche, Sinclair, Denike, Tweed, Bootman, Lydecker, A. Smith, Slote, Clark, White, Williams, Mackean, Brooker, Scofield, Boese, Benedict, I. W. Smith, Henry, Fellows, Baldwin, Neilson, Gray, Waterbury, Ranney, Davenport—33.

*Absent*—Commissioners Auld, Niven, Avery, Haines, Rollins, Burlew, Haskett, Farley, Monteith, Edwards, Kerr—11.

The Journal of the last session was read and approved.

Mr. LECOMPTÉ presented a communication from the School Officers of the Third Ward, nominating Samuel N. Lecomte and others to fill the vacancies in the Board of School Officers of said Ward.

*Ordered*, That said communication be referred to the Committee on Elections and Qualifications.

Mr. MACKEAN presented a communication from the School Officers of the Twelfth Ward, submitting plans and specifications for a school-house near Two hundred and sixth street in said Ward.

*Ordered*, That said communication be referred to the Committee on Sites and School-Houses.

Mr. PRESIDENT laid before the Board a communication from William Oland Bourne, Deputy Clerk, asking leave of absence on account of ill health.

On motion of Mr. MACKEAN—

*Resolved*, That leave of absence from the duties of the office be granted to the Deputy Clerk, Mr. Bourne, for one month.

Mr. PRESIDENT laid before the Board the application of the

School Officers of the Twenty-second Ward for authority to advertise for proposals to erect a new school-house on Forty-fourth street near the Tenth avenue in said Ward.

*Ordered*, That said application be referred to the Committee on Sites and School Houses.

Mr. PRESIDENT called the attention of the Board to the fact that several of the teachers employed in the Evening Schools during the last term did not possess the certificate of the City Superintendent, and that their salaries had in consequence been withheld.

Mr. WHITE presented the following, which was adopted :

*Whereas*, It appears that several of the teachers employed during the last term of the Evening Schools are graduates of Colleges, or hold the certificates of the State Superintendent, and neglected to procure the certificate of the City Superintendent, by reason of a non-acquaintance with the By-Laws of this Board, therefore :

*Resolved*, That the salaries of teachers in the Evening Schools not holding the certificate of the City Superintendent, be paid, notwithstanding their omission to procure the said certificate.

Mr. PRESIDENT laid before the Board several bills, and stated that he had declined to sign checks for their payment, and desired the instructions of the Board in relation thereto.

On motion it was ordered that said bills be referred as follows :

Those of the Daily Express and Evening Post for advertising lectures of Mr. Willis, Eighteenth Ward ; F. Hertle, for frames, Fourteenth Ward ; William Mead, for frames, Tenth Ward ; Charles Newhall, Wm. H. McCartney and William Stoddart, for work at the schools of the Twenty-second Ward, to the Finance Committee.

Those of Ivison & Phinney, for books, Sixteenth Ward, and the following bills for fuel, viz. : Stephen Lynch and Michael Connolly, Fourth Ward ; John Johnston, Twelfth Ward ; W. H. Wilson, Eighteenth Ward ; W. H. Smith and John Johnston, Nineteenth Ward ; W. H. Smith, Twenty-first Ward ; Lane and Son, Twenty-second Ward, to the Committee on Supplies.

That of W. & J. Sloane for carpets, &c., Seventeenth Ward, to the Committee on School Furniture.

That of James Hart, Jr., for marble tablet at School-House No. 13, Seventeenth Ward, to the Committee on Repairs.

That of John J. Anderson, for cash paid for philosophical apparatus, Seventh Ward, to the Committee on School Books.

Mr. PRESIDENT laid before the Board, a communication from Messrs. Sheldon, Blakeman & Co., in relation to their series of School Books.

*Ordered*, That said communication be referred to the Committee on School Books.

Mr. PRESIDENT, also laid before the Board a communication from Jacob Raynor, in regard to the payment of the salary of William H. Renck late principal of Ward School, No. 7.

*Ordered*, That said communication be referred to the Finance Committee.

Mr. HENRY offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the President of this Board be authorized to appoint a Select Committee of five, to ascertain the number of Pianos and Musical Instruments in daily use in the Grammar Schools of this City, and that the Committee have the power to order Musical Instruments for those that are now destitute.

*Ordered*, That said resolution be referred to the Committee on School Furniture.

Mr. DENIKE offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the President and Clerk of this Board are hereby authorized to sign a check in favor of Cornelius Collins for \$564 77, that being the balance due on his contract for the alteration of Ward School, No. 12, in the Seventh Ward, after deducting the cost of the work performed through the agency of the Superintendent of School Buildings; provided said Collins executes a receipt in full of all claims against the school officers of the Seventh Ward, and the Board of Education, for, or on account of any work or materials furnished on the alterations of Ward School, No. 12.

*Ordered*, That said resolution be referred to the Finance Committee.

Mr. PRESIDENT presented the following, which was adopted :

*Resolved*, That the Comptroller of the City be, and he is



hereby requested to authorize the City Chamberlain to place in the City Treasury the sum of Ninety Thousand Dollars subject to the drafts of the Board of Education on and after the eighth day of April, 1857.

Mr. DENIKE presented the following :

*Resolved*, That the sum of \$108 50, be and is hereby appropriated to pay W. T. J. Sankey's bill for extra work on his contract for alterations at School House, No. 12, in the Seventh Ward ; said bill having been properly audited and approved by the School Officers of the said ward.

*Ordered*, That said resolution be referred to the Finance Committee.

Mr. BOESE presented the following resolution, which was referred to the Finance Committee :

*Resolved*, That the President and Clerk are hereby directed to pay the bill of F. H. Nash, amounting to \$21, for piano hire for the Fourteenth Ward Evening School, from Oct. 15, 1855, to March 6, 1856, the same having been duly audited by the Evening School Committee.

On motion of Mr. LYDECKER—

*Resolved*, That the President and Clerk are hereby authorized to pay the last months' salary of Helen M. Knapp, Principal of the Primary Department of Ward School, No. 38, who was absent from duty in consequence of sickness.

On motion of Mr. WATERBURY—

*Resolved*, That the salary of Miss Phebe A. Coles, as a teacher in the Primary Department of Ward School, No. 33, at the rate of two hundred dollars a-year be paid up to the 31st day of March last past, upon the same being certified and audited by the School Officers of the Twentieth Ward.

Mr. MACKEAN presented a communication from the School Officers of the Twelfth Ward, together with the following, which was adopted :

*Whereas*, the School Officers of the Twelfth Ward have excused the non-attendance of Miss Adaline S. Pearne, Teacher of the Primary Department of Ward School, No. 43, during several months, because of severe and dangerous illness, the continuance of which, has compelled her resignation, therefore,

*Resolved*, That such action of the local Board be approved, and that the President and Clerk be hereby directed to sign a warrant in favor of Miss Pearne for Fifty Dollars, the amount of three months salary.

On motion of Mr. DAVENPORT—

*Resolved*, That the Committee on By-laws, Rules and Regulations, be instructed to report to this Board, at an early day, a series of rules, defining and regulating the duties of such of the Committees of the Board, as now are, by the by-laws, without such definition, and adding thereto any changes or additions to the by-laws, respecting the Committees generally, as in their judgment may be desirable for a more clear understanding of their powers and duties, and a more effective prosecution of the business of the Board.

On motion of Mr. RANNEY :

*Resolved*, That so much of Assistant Superintendent Kiddle's report, made to this Board, through the City Superintendent, in December last, as refers to the course of studies pursued in the Ward Schools, be referred to the Committee on the Course of Studies and School Books ; and that said Committee consider and report what changes, in their judgment, are required in said course of studies, if any, at the second meeting of the Board in May next.

Mr. BALDWIN presented the following, which was adopted :

*Whereas*, By the opening of streets and other city improvements, the school property is sometimes so much interfered with as to render it necessary to sell, or otherwise dispose of the same, therefore

*Resolved*, That it be referred to a select committee of three, to enquire and report to this Board what is the legal disposition of the proceeds of the sale under such circumstances.

Mr. MACKEAN presented the following, which was adopted :

*Whereas*, In the communication of the President to this Board, of October 15, 1856, attention was called to the fact that payments to the Deaf and Dumb Institution, through several years, amounting in the aggregate to \$19,107, had been charged to the debit of this Board, without any authority of law ; and—

*Whereas*, so much of said communication was referred, November 5, to a special committee, who have never reported to this Board ; therefore—

*Resolved*, That a special committee be appointed to examine and report to this Board what steps are necessary to have said amount placed to the credit of this Board.

Mr. DAVENPORT presented the report of the Executive Committee on Normal Schools of the attendance and grade of the pupils in the Female Normal School, for the quarter ending on the 1st day of March.

*Ordered*, That the said report be printed and placed on file.  
(See Doc. No. 4.)

Mr. DAVENPORT presented the report of the Executive Committee on Normal Schools, in relation to the Daily Normal School, with the following resolution annexed :

*Resolved*, That a committee of the male principal teachers in the Ward Schools be requested to prepare a Manual of Instruction in detail, adapted to the Public Schools of this city, said Manual to embrace all necessary rules for the discipline and direction of teachers and pupils in said Schools and the Normal Schools; said Committee conferring with the Superintendents upon the details of said Manual, and to report, it when completed, to this Board, with a view to its approval and publication by its authority.

JOHN DAVENPORT, JONATHAN L. SCOFIELD, JOHN R. LYDECKER, WILLIAM B. EAGER, Jr., WALTER ROCHE,	}	Committee.
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On motion—

*Ordered*, That said report be laid on the table and printed.  
(See Doc. No. 6.)

Mr. WILLIAMS presented the report of the Executive Committee on the Free Academy, recommending the adoption of the following amendment to the By-Laws :

*Resolved*, That so much of the amendment to section 10 of article 16 of the By-Laws, adopted October 1, 1856, as requires "the first five books of Davies' Legendre," for admission to the Free Academy, be and the same is hereby rescinded.

A. V. WILLIAMS, SIMEON BALDWIN, LAFAYETTE RANNEY, RICHARD C. FELLOWS, THOMAS BOESE, W. M. TWEED,	}	Committee.
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Mr. BENEDICT moved to further amend the said section, by striking out from the fourth line the word *fourteen*, and inserting *thirteen*.

On motion, the proposition of Mr. BENEDICT was referred to the Executive Committee on the Free Academy.

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would

agree with the resolution of the Committee, and it was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. WILLIAMS presented the Merit Roll of the students of the Free Academy, for the past term.

*Ordered*, That the same be printed, and placed on file. (See Doc. No. 7.)

Mr. DENIKE presented the report of the Committee on Repairs, with the following resolution annexed :

*Resolved*, That the School Officers of the Fourteenth Ward, be and are hereby authorized to advertise for proposals for making repairs at School building No. 32 in Baxter street, in the said ward, at a cost not exceeding five thousand dollars, in conformity with the Law and the By-Laws of this Board, and according to the plans and specifications on file in the office of the Board.

ABRAHAM DENIKE,	} Committee.
STEPHEN BROOKER,	
E. BOOTMAN,	
W. B. EAGER, Jr.,	
WALTER ROCHE,	

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. DENIKE presented the report of the Committee on Repairs, with the following resolution annexed :

*Resolved*, That it is inexpedient to grant the application of the School Officers of the 21st Ward for the erection of an addition to Ward School No. 14, at the present time, and that the Committee on Repairs be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

ABRAHAM DENIKE,	} Committee.
E. BOOTMAN,	
W. B. EAGER, Jr.,	
WALTER ROCHE,	
STEPHEN BROOKER,	

Mr. DAVENPORT moved to amend said resolution by striking out all after the word *Resolved*, and inserting as follows :

That the School Officers of the Twenty-first Ward be authorized to advertise for proposals for the alteration of Ward School building No. 14, in Twenty-seventh street, in conformity with the plans and specifications submitted by them to the Committee on Repairs.

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the said amendment, and it was decided in the negative.

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the resolution reported by the Committee, and it was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. BALDWIN presented the report of the Committee on By Laws, with the following preamble and resolutions annexed :

*Whereas*, It has been represented to the Board of Education on the part of the School Officers of the Twelfth Ward, that the Board of Ten Governors have under consideration a proposition to deprive the School Officers of the Twelfth Ward of the charge of Ward School No. 6, by assuming to themselves the entire charge and control of said school : Therefore—

*Resolved*, That this Board consider that such action by the Ten Governors, without previous communication with the School Officers of the Twelfth Ward, who have hitherto had the special management of said school, or with the Board of Education, which has the general charge thereof, and without any notification of such intention, would be so discourteous on the part of one Board of public officers to another, that this Board are unwilling to believe the same will be done.

*Resolved*, That in the opinion of this Board the provisions of law clearly establish the right and the duty of this Board, and of the School Officers of the Twelfth Ward, to superintend manage and maintain such school as one of the Ward Schools of the city.

*Resolved*, That the Board of Education will co-operate with the Board of Ten Governors in submitting the question of the right and power, and the duty of the School authorities of the city, and of the Alms' House authorities, in relation to said school, to the Supreme Court at the earliest practicable day, on an agreed statement of facts.

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be furnished to the Board of Ten Governors.

S. BALDWIN, JAMES M. TUTHILL, ALBERT SMITH, E. C. BENEDICT, THOMAS BOESE,	}	Committee.
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Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolutions, and it was decided in the affirmative.

On motion—

*Ordered*, That the said report be printed. (See Doc. No. 8.)

Mr. BALDWIN presented the following report of the Committee on By-Laws :

The Committee on By-Laws, to whom was referred the subject of a suitable by-law for the creation of a standing committee, to be known as the "Printing Committee," and to define its duties, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to submit the following by-law on that subject for the consideration of the Board of Education, with the necessary amendments to the existing by-laws to make them conform therewith.

The Committee recommend the amendment of Article 5, page 63, of the Manual, by adding to the list of Standing Committees, "21, *A Printing Committee.*"

And also to amend Article 10, page 72, of the Manual, by inserting *Sec.* 10 for *Sec.* 8, and substituting two new Sections in place of *Sec.* 8, viz. :

*Sec.* 8. It shall be the duty of the Printing Committee to advertise during the month of February in each year for estimates for the printing of the books, journal, and documents of the Board for the current year, to report the estimates to the Board, and when so authorized by them, to contract for the printing of the same.

*Sec.* 9. The usual number to be printed of any document shall be five hundred copies, unless otherwise ordered by the Board.

Respectfully submitted.

New York, 18th March, 1857,

S. BALDWIN,  
ALBERT SMITH,  
E. C. BENEDICT,  
JAMES M. TUTHILL,  
THOMAS BOESE,

} Committee on  
By-Laws, Rules,  
&c.

On motion—

*Ordered*, That the said report be laid on the table and printed in the Journal.

Mr. BENEDICT presented the report of the Committee on the

Annual Apportionment, submitting the apportionment of the school moneys for 1857, and recommending the adoption of the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the school moneys for 1857, be apportioned to the several schools entitled to participate therein, according to the annexed schedule ; and that a copy thereof be properly authenticated and filed with the Chamberlain of the city, as required by the law.

ERAS. C. BENEDIOT,	} Committee.
GEORGE NIVEN,	
J. F. HENRY,	

On motion of Mr. NEILSON—

*Ordered*, That the said report be laid on the table and printed.

On motion of Mr. WATERBURY, the last vote ordering the said report to be laid on the table and printed was reconsidered.

Mr. PRESIDENT then put the question whether the Board would agree with the resolution reported by the Committee, and it was decided in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. WATERBURY—

*Ordered*, That said report be printed. (See Doc. No. 9.)

Mr. DENIKE presented the report of the Committee on Repairs, recommending the adoption of the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the President and Clerk be directed to make the last payment on the carpenters' contract for altering and repairing School Building No. 34, in Broome street, in the Thirteenth Ward, notwithstanding the fact that the Superintendent of School Buildings declines giving his certificate approving the same.

E. BOOTMAN,	} Committee.
WALTER ROCHE,	
W. B. EAGER, Jr.,	
ABRAHAM DENIKE,	
STEPHEN BROOKER,	

Mr. RANNEY moved that the said report be recommitted with instructions to report a statement from the Superintendent of School Buildings, of the estimated expense of fulfilling the contract entered into with Mr. Collins.

Mr. I. W. SMITH moved that the whole subject be laid on the table. *Lost.*

Mr. SINCLAIR moved the previous question on the motion to recommit, which was ordered by the Board, as follows :

*Ayes*—Messrs. Hooper, Lecomte, Ware, Shine, Tuthill, Eager, Roche, Sinclair, Denike, Tweed, Bootman, Lydecker, Clark, White, Mackean, Brooker, Benedict, Henry, Fellows—19.

*Nays*—Messrs. A. Smith, Williams, Scofield, Boese, Green, I. W. Smith, Baldwin, Neilson, Gray, Waterbury, Ranney, Davenport—12.

Mr. PRESIDENT then put the question whether the Board would agree with the said motion of Mr. RANNEY, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

*Ayes*—Messrs. Shine, Tuthill, Eager, White, Williams, Mackean, Brooker, Scofield, Boese, Green, I. W. Smith, Henry, Baldwin, Neilson, Waterbury, Ranney, Davenport—17.

*Nays*—Messrs. Hooper, Lecomte, Ware, Roche, Sinclair, Denike, Tweed, Bootman, Lydecker, A. Smith, Benedict, Fellows, Gray—13.

Mr. TUTHILL presented the report of the Committee on Sites and School Houses, with the following resolution annexed.

*Resolved*, That the plans and specifications for a new Primary School Building, in Mott street, in the Sixth Ward, be approved, and that the School Officers of the said Ward be, and are hereby authorized to advertise for and receive proposals and estimates for the erection of the same, in conformity with the law and the by-laws of the Board.

JAMES M. TUTHILL,	} Committee.
WILLIAM SINCLAIR,	
A. B. ROLLINS,	
J. R. LYDECKER,	

On motion of Mr. DAVENPORT said resolution was amended so as to read as follows :

*Resolved*, That the School Officers of the Sixth Ward are hereby authorized to advertise for and receive proposals and estimates for the erection of a new Primary School building, in Mott street, in conformity with the law and by-laws of the Board, and according to the plans and specifications which have been approved by the Committee on Sites and School Houses.

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the resolution as amended, and it was decided in the affirmative.



Mr. TUTHILL presented the report of the Committee on Sites and School Houses, with the following resolution annexed :

*Resolved*, That the plans and specifications for a new Primary School Building in Fourth street, between Avenues C and D, in the Eleventh Ward, be approved, and that the School Officers of the said Ward be and are hereby authorized to advertise for proposals and estimates for the erection of the said building, in conformity with the law and by-laws of the Board.

JAMES M. TUTHILL,	} Committee.
WM. SINCLAIR,	
A. B. ROLLINS,	
JOHN R. LYDECKER,	

On motion of Mr. DAVENPORT said resolution was amended so as to read as follows :—

*Resolved*, That the School Officers of the Eleventh Ward are hereby authorized to advertise for proposals for the erection of a new Primary School Building in Fourth street, between Avenues C and D, according to the plans and specifications which have been approved by the Committee on Sites and School Houses, and in conformity with the law and the by-laws.

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the resolution as amended, and it was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. TUTHILL presented the report of the Committee on Sites and School Houses, with the following resolution annexed :—

*Resolved*, That the School Officers of the Twentieth Ward are hereby authorized to advertise for proposals and estimates for the erection of a new School Building in Twenty-eighth street, in the said Ward, according to the plans and specifications on file in the office of the Board, and in conformity with the law and the by-laws of this Board.

JAMES M. TUTHILL,	} Committee.
JOHN R. LYDECKER,	
WM. SINCLAIR,	

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. DENIKE presented the report of the Committee on Repairs recommending the adoption of the following resolutions :

*Resolved*, That three hundred and seven dollars and ninety-seven cents are hereby appropriated to pay the bills of Henry Spear, for carpenter work, at the schools of the Twentieth

Ward, and that the President and Clerk are hereby requested to pay the same.

*Resolved*, That the President and Clerk are hereby requested to pay the following bills for repairs at the Schools of the Eleventh Ward, to wit :

Glover & Davidson, carpenter work.....	\$1,046 29
N. Terpenney, mason work.....	232 83
William Peterson, carpenter work.....	152 28
William Peterson, " " .....	402 61
William Peterson, " " .....	346 01
William Peterson, " " .....	83 02
William Peterson, " " .....	24 13
Glover & Davidson, " " .....	219 02
James Watson, mason work.....	573 78
Richard Squires, painting and glazing.....	274 36

and that the sum of three thousand three hundred and fifty-four dollars and thirty-three cents is hereby appropriated for that purpose.

ABRAHAM DENIKE,	} Committee.
STEPHEN BROOKER,	
E. BOOTMAN,	
W. B. EAGER, Jr.,	

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolutions, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :—

*Ayes*—Messrs. Hooper, Lecomte, Ware, Tuthill, Eager, Roche, Sinclair, Denike, Tweed, Bootman, Lydecker, Slote, Clark, White, Williams, Mackean, Brooker, Scofield, Boese, Green, Benedict, I. W. Smith, Henry, Gray, Waterbury, Ranney—26.

Mr. TWEED presented the report of the Committee on School Furniture, with the following resolution annexed :

*Resolved*, That the school officers of the Eighth Ward be and are hereby authorized to advertise for proposals for re-furnishing and re-fitting School House No. 8, in Grand street, in the said ward, according to plans to be approved by this Committee, the said work to be done under the direction of the Superintendent of School Buildings, and to his satisfaction.

W. M. TWEED,	} Committee.
JONATHAN L. SCOFIELD,	
JAMES MACKEAN,	

Mr. NELSON moved that said report be laid on the table.—

T. A. A.

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. NEILSON moved that the rules be suspended, and that the Board proceed to elect four members of the Finance Committee.

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with said motion, and it was decided in the negative, (two-thirds of the members present not voting in favor thereof,) as follows :

*Ayes*—Messrs. Tuthill, Eager, Roche, Sinclair, Denike, Tweed, Bootman, Clark, White, Williams, Green, I. W. Smith, Henry, Neilson, Gray, Ranney, Davenport—17.

*Nays*—Messrs. Hooper, Lecomte, Ware, Shine, Lydecker, Mackean, Brooker, Scofield, Boese, Fellows, Baldwin, Waterbury—12.

Mr. LYDECKER presented two reports of the Auditing Committee, submitting sundry bills for expenses of the Board, with the following resolutions annexed:

*Resolved*, That the above named bills, amounting to two hundred and thirty dollars and sixty-two cents, are hereby approved, and the President and Clerk directed to pay the same.

*Resolved*, That the above named bills, amounting to four hundred and forty-four dollars and seventy-two cents, are hereby approved, and the President and Clerk directed to pay the same.

JOHN R. LYDECKER,	} Committee.
J. F. HENRY,	
JAMES MACKEAN,	

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolutions, and it was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. LYDECKER presented the report of the Auditing Committee, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

*Resolved*, That the President and Clerk are hereby directed to sign a warrant in favor of D. H. Hart, for two hundred and ninety-eight dollars, for services in the Clerk's office, from November 10, 1856, to March 16, 1857.

*Resolved*, That the Auditing Committee have authority to

employ when necessary additional temporary assistance in the Clerk's office.

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolutions, and it was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. MACKEAN presented the report of the Committee on Warming and Ventilation, recommending the adoption of the following :

*Resolved*, That the sum of twenty-three hundred and ninety dollars be and is hereby appropriated, to pay for flues and registers and other fixtures, attached to the furnaces for heating School House No. 48, in Twentieth street, in accordance with a contract made by the School Officers of that Ward with Lyman & Allen, pursuant to a resolution passed by this Board, December 27, 1854.

WM. MONTEITH,	} Committee on
GEO. H. CLARK,	
JAMES MACKEAN.	
	} Warming and
	} Ventilation.

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

*Ayes*—Messrs. Hooper, Ware, Shine, Tuthill, Eager, Denike, Bootman, Lydecker, A. Smith, White, Williams, Mackean, Scofield, Boese, I. W. Smith, Henry, Baldwin, Neilson, Gray, Waterbury, Ranney, Davenport—22.

*Nay*—Mr. Green—1.

Mr. WATERBURY presented the report of the Committee on Elections and Qualifications, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions :

*Resolved*, That *Thomas Arrowsmith, Jr.*, is hereby appointed as Inspector of Common Schools for the Third Ward, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of William H. Crossman ; and *Seba M. Bogart* as Trustee of Common Schools for said Ward, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the omission of Samuel Taylor to take the oath of office prescribed by the Constitution of the State, before the Clerk of this Board.

*Resolved*, That *Michael McLaughlin* is hereby appointed as Trustee of Common Schools for the Sixth Ward, to fill the vacancy occasioned by his own omission to take the oath of office prescribed by the Constitution of the State, before the Clerk of this Board.

*Resolved, That Sandy Higgins is hereby appointed as Trustee of Common Schools for the Thirteenth Ward, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of John Marrenner.*

NELSON J. WATERBURY,	} Committee.
ISAAC WM. SMITH,	
W. JAY HASKETT,	
DAVID B. KERR,	
L. RANNEY,	

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree with the said resolutions, and it was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. WATERBURY presented the report of the Committee on Elections and Qualifications, recommending the adoption of the following resolution :

*Resolved, That Terence Riley is hereby appointed as a Trustee of Common Schools for the Twenty-second Ward in place of Nathaniel S. Wing, whose seat has been declared vacant by reason of his removal from the Ward.*

NELSON J. WATERBURY,	} Committee.
L. RANNEY,	
ISAAC WM. SMITH,	

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. WARE moved that the resolution for the purchase of a school site in the Fourth Ward, presented at the last meeting of the Board, (see page 50,) be taken from the table and referred at a Special Committee.—Lost.

On motion of Mr. Henry—

*Resolved, That the Committee on Sites and School-Houses be requested to take a survey of School-House No. 40, in the Eighteenth Ward, and report to this Board, whether, in their opinion, the School Officers of said Ward should not be invited to take the proper measures to apply to this Board for some more suitable accommodation for said school.*

A call of the House being ordered, the following members answered to their names :

Commissioners Hooper, Lecomte, Tuthill, Eager, Denike, Bootman, Lydecker, A. Smith, White, Williams, Mackean, Scofield, Boese, Green, I. W. Smith, Henry, Baldwin, Neilson, Waterbury, Ranney, Davenport—21.

A quorum not being present, the Board adjourned.

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 1857.

### STATED SESSION.

*Present*—Andrew H. Green, Esq., President, and Commissioners Auld, Hooper, Niven, Lecomte, Shine, Tuthill, Eager, Roche, Sinclair, Denike, Tweed, Lydecker, A. Smith, Haines, Sloc, Clark, White, Rollins, Williams, Mackean, Brooker, Scofield, Boese, Burlew, Benedict, Haskett, Henry, Fellows, Baldwin, Neilson, Gray, Waterbury, Monteith, Ranney, Davenport, Kerr—37.

*Absent*—Commissioners Brown, Avery, Ware, Bootman, I. W. Smith, Farley, Edwards—7.

The minutes of the last session were read, and on motion amended on page 49, line 18, so as to read “Mr. MACKEAN *presented a verbal communication on behalf of the School Officers of the Twelfth Ward,*” &c. Also, on page 53, next to last line, instead of “Female Normal School” read “*the Normal Schools.*” Also on page 59, so as to state that Mr. MACKEAN voted in the *negative* on Mr. RANNEY’s motion. Also on page 62, line 21, read “two hundred and thirty-*three* dollars,” and line 36, read “*one* hundred.”

The minutes as amended were approved.

The minutes of the Executive Committees on the Free Academy and Normal Schools were also read.

Mr. ROCHE presented an application of the School Officers of the Sixth Ward, for an appropriation for the erection of a School House in Mott street, submitting estimates therefor, and asking the adoption of the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the sum of sixteen thousand three hundred and ninety-two dollars be and is hereby appropriated to pay for the erection of a new Primary School Building in Mott

street, near Walker street, in the Sixth Ward, according to the plans and specifications prepared by the Superintendent of School Buildings, and now on file in the Clerk's office; but no portion of such money shall be paid until the School Officers of the Sixth Ward have duly filed in the Clerk's office the contracts entered into by them for that purpose, together with such security as shall be satisfactory to the Finance Committee for the faithful performance of said contracts, and against the lien law; and until the said contracts shall have been approved by the said committee as to the form thereof, and the amount and time of payment of instalments; the said school building to be built and completed under the direction of the Superintendent of School Buildings, in connection with any architect the school officers have appointed or may appoint, and the certificate of said officer or officers shall be filed in the Clerk's office before the payment of any instalment.

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

*Ayes*—Messrs. Hooper, Niven, Lecomte, Tuthill, Eager, Roche, Sinclair, Denike, Tweed, Lydecker, A. Smith, Haines, Slote, Clark, White, Rollins, Williams, Mackean, Scofield, Boese, Haskett, Henry, Fellows, Baldwin, Neilson, Waterbury, Monteith, Kerr—28.

Mr. WATERBURY presented the application of the School Officers of the Twentieth Ward, submitting estimates for the erection of a School Building on Twenty-eighth street, and asking the adoption of the following resolution :—

*Resolved*, That the sum of thirty-two thousand seven hundred and seventy-one dollars is hereby appropriated for the erection and finishing of a new school building on the south side of Twenty-eighth street, between the Ninth and Tenth avenues in the Twentieth Ward, according to plans and specifications approved by the Committee on Sites and School Houses, the same to be erected under the direction of the Superintendent of School Buildings, and no payment to be made except upon his certificate; but no part of the said money shall be paid until contracts in the usual form, with sureties to be approved by the Finance Committee, for the faithful performance of said contract and against the lien law, shall have been approved by and filed with the Board of Education.

Mr. NELSON moved that said application be referred to the Finance Committee.—Lost.

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :—

*Ayes*—Messrs. Auld, Hooper, Niven, Lecomte, Tuthill, Eager, Roche, Sinclair, Lydecker, A. Smith, Haines, Slote, Clark, White, Rollins, Williams, Mackean, Scofield, Boese, Benedict, Haskett, Henry, Waterbury, Monteith, Kerr—25.

*Nays*—Messrs. Denike, Tweed, Green, Fellows, Neilson, Gray, Davenport—7.

Mr. BOESE presented the application of the School Officers of the Fourteenth Ward, submitting estimates for the alterations at School House No. 32, in Baxter street, together with the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the sum of four thousand five hundred and seventy-five dollars be and is hereby appropriated to pay for the alterations at School House No. 32, in Baxter street, Fourteenth Ward, pursuant to the plans and specifications on file in the office of the Clerk of this Board; but no part of such money shall be paid until the School Officers of the Fourteenth Ward have duly filed in the Clerk's office the contracts entered into for that purpose, together with such security as shall be satisfactory to the Finance Committee; the said repairs to be made and completed under the direction of the Superintendent of School Buildings.

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

*Ayes*—Messrs. Auld, Hooper, Niven, Lecomte, Tuthill, Eager, Roche, Sinclair, Denike, Tweed, Lydecker, A. Smith, Haines, Slote, Clark, White, Rollins, Williams, Mackean, Scofield, Boese, Green, Haskett, Henry, Fellows, Baldwin, Gray, Waterbury, Ranney, Davenport, Kerr—31.

*Nays*—Messrs. Neilson, Monteith—2.

Mr. TWEED presented the application of the School Officers of the Seventh Ward for authority to make certain alterations at School House No. 31, in Monroe street.

*Ordered*, That said application be referred to the Committee on Sites and School Houses.

Mr. ROLLINS presented the application of the School Officers of the Eleventh Ward, for an appropriation for the erection of a



School Building on Fourth street, together with the estimates therefor.

*Ordered,* That said application be referred to the Finance Committee.

Mr. LECOMTE presented the application of the School Officers of the Third Ward, for authority to hire premises for a School in said ward.

*Ordered,* That said application be referred to the Committee on Sites and School Houses.

Mr. AULD presented a communication from the School Officers of the First Ward, nominating Andrew J. Perry as Commissioner of Common Schools for said ward, in place of Josiah W. Brown, resigned.

*Ordered,* That said nomination be referred to the Committee on Elections and Qualifications.

Mr. FELLOWS presented the application of the School Officers of the Seventeenth Ward for an appropriation of \$36 42, to pay the balance due for extra work on School House No. 13, in Houston street.

*Ordered,* That said application be referred to the Committee on Repairs.

Mr. NEILSON moved that the rules be suspended, in order to reconsider the vote making an appropriation for the erection of a School House on Twenty-eighth street, Twentieth Ward. (See P. 67.)

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree with said motion, and it was decided in the negative, as follows :

*Ayes*—Messrs. Eager, Denike, Haines, Williams, Scofield, Boese, Green, Burlew, Haskett, Fellows, Baldwin, Neilson, Gray, Davenport, Kerr—15.

*Nays*—Messrs. Hooper, Niven, Shine, Tuthill, Roche, Sinclair, Lydecker, A. Smith, Slote, White, Rollins, Mackean, Henry, Waterbury, Monteith, Ranney—16.

Mr. NEILSON moved that the rules be suspended, and that the Board proceed to the election of four members of the Finance Committee.

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with said motion, and it was decided in the affirmative.

Messrs. BURLEW and HAINES were appointed tellers.

On motion of Mr. SINCLAIR, the Board took a recess of five minutes.

#### FIRST BALLOT.

The tellers reported the whole number of ballots 35.

Of which Nelson J. Waterbury received 22 votes.

Albert Smith,	"	20	"
George H. Clark,	"	17	"
Richard C. Fellows,	"	14	"
Isaac W. Smith,	"	9	"
Richard S. Gray,	"	8	"
Abraham Denike,	"	6	"
James Mackean,	"	6	"
John Davenport,	"	6	"
J. L. Scofield,	"	5	"
James F. Henry,	"	5	"
W. B. Eager, Jr.,	"	5	"
E. C. Benedict,	"	3	"
E. Bootman,	"	3	"
Stephen Brooker,	"	2	"
Lafayette Ranney,	"	2	"
P. S. Haines,	"	2	"
Samuel Auld,	"	1	"
W. M. Tweed,	"	1	"
Thomas Boese,	"	1	"
Wm. Sinclair,	"	1	"
S. Baldwin,	"	1	"

Mr. PRESIDENT declared that Messrs. WATERBURY and A. SMITH were duly elected members of the Finance Committee.

On motion, the Board proceeded to ballot for the remaining members of said Committee.

#### SECOND BALLOT.

The tellers reported the whole number of ballots 33.

Of which Richard C. Fellows received 18 votes.

George H. Clark,	"	16	"
W. B. Eager, Jr.,	"	12	"
James Mackean,	"	7	"

Richard S. Gray,	"	3	"
Isaac W. Smith,	"	2	"
James F. Henry,	"	2	"
Simeon Baldwin,	"	1	"
Lafayette Ranney,	"	1	"
John Davenport,	"	1	"

One ballot bearing four names was declared informal, and not counted.

Mr. PRESIDENT thereupon declared Mr. FELLOWS duly elected a member of the Finance Committee.

The Board proceeded to elect the remaining member of said Committee.

#### THIRD BALLOT.

The tellers reported the whole number of ballots 35.

Of which George H. Clark received 19 votes.

Wm. B. Eager, Jr., " 16 "

Mr. PRESIDENT thereupon declared Mr. CLARK duly elected as a member of the Finance Committee.

Mr. BOESE presented the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Repairs :

*Resolved*, That the sum of one hundred and twenty-six dollars and thirty-seven cents be hereby appropriated to pay the bills for extra work on School-House No. 5, in Mott street, in November last ; said bills having been approved by the Superintendent of School Buildings, and duly audited by the School Officers of the Fourteenth Ward.

Mr. HOOPER presented the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the following sums are hereby appropriated for expenses of the school system to and including the first day of May next, viz. :

For salaries of teachers and janitors in the Ward and Primary Schools.....	\$40,000 00
For incidental expenses of said schools, including current repairs and fuel.....	10,000 00
For books and supplies for said schools (Depository)	5,000 00
For rent of premises occupied for school purposes,	2,500 00
For apportionment to the Corporate Schools.....	14,346 14
For support of the Free Academy.....	10,000 00
For repairs and fitting up of the Free Academy...	1,000 00

For support of the Normal Schools.....	5,000 00
For support of the Evening Schools.....	5,000 00
For salaries of clerks, superintendents and other officers .....	5,000 00
For incidental expenses of the Board of Education,	5,000 00

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

*Ayes*—Messrs. Hooper, Niven, Lecomte, Shine, Tuthill, Eager, Roche, Sinclair, Denike, Tweed, A. Smith, Haines, Slote, White, Rollins, Williams, Mackean, Brooker, Scofield, Boese, Green, Burlew, Haskett, Fellows, Baldwin, Neilson, Gray, Waterbury, Ranney, Davenport—30.

On motion of Mr. DENIKE—

*Resolved*, That the bills of Glover & Davidson, for carpenters' work for Eleventh Ward, as reported on by the Committee on Repairs at last meeting, be paid, on being audited and certified by the Committee on Repairs.

Mr. TUTHILL presented the report of the Committee on Sites and School-Houses, recommending the adoption of the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the plans submitted by the School-Officers of the Twelfth Ward, for a new School-House at Tubby-Hook, be approved, and that the School Officers be authorized to advertise for proposals for building the same according to plans and specifications on file in the Clerk's office.

JAMES M. TUTHILL,	} Committee.
A. B. ROLLINS,	
WM. SINCLAIR	
JOHN R. LYDECKER,	

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. DAVENPORT presented the following report of the Executive Committee on Normal Schools :

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ON NORMAL SCHOOLS respectfully report, that the following named pupils in the Normal Schools, having failed to render to the Committee satisfactory reasons for their protracted absence from said schools in violation of the by-laws of the Board, they are reported for forfeiture of

their position as teachers under Sec. 6 of Art. 17 of the By-Laws of the Board :

Jacob Kirkner .....	9th Ward.
Oscar Hinchman.....	7th Ward.
Chas. D. B. Simonton .....	5th Ward.
Thos. E. Cody .....	19th Ward.
Henry T. Carroll.....	6th Ward.
John E. Devoy.....	13th Ward.

New York, April 15th, 1857.

J. DAVENPORT,	} Committee.
WM. B. EAGER, Jr.,	
A. B. ROLLINS,	
J. L. SCOFIELD,	
JOHN R. LYDECKER,	

Mr. TWEED moved that said report be recommitted, and that the Committee be instructed to report in detail the action of the Committee and the evidence taken in the case of each of the teachers named therein.

On motion of Mr. WHITE the Board adjourned.

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 1857.**

STATED SESSION.

*Present*—Andrew H. Green, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hooper, Lecomte, Eager, Roche, Sinclair, Denike, Lyndecker, Clark, White, Mackean, Scofield, Boese, Benedict, I. W. Smith, Haskett, Henry, Fellows, Baldwin, Neilson, Farley, Waterbury—22.

*Absent*—Commissioners Auld, Niven, Avery, Ware, Shine, Tuthill, Tweed, Bootman, A. Smith, Haines, Slote, Rollins, Williams, Brooker, Burlew, Gray, Monteith, Ranney, Davenport, Edwards, Kerr—21.

A quorum not being present, the Board adjourned.

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 1857.**

**SPECIAL SESSION.**

The meeting was called on the following requisition, in pursuance of section 2 of article 1 of the By-Laws :—

The undersigned hereby call a special meeting of the Board of Education for Wednesday afternoon, May 13th, at 5 o'clock, for the purpose of receiving applications and communications, acting upon resolutions to which no objection is made, and receiving and acting upon reports of standing and select Committees.

NELSON J. WATERBURY,  
THOS. BOESE,  
WM. SINCLAIR,  
TERRENCE FARLEY,  
GEO. WHITE,  
W. B. EAGER, Jr.,  
JAMES MACKEAN,  
V. N. LECOMTE,  
S. BALDWIN,  
W. JAY HASKETT,  
ABRAHAM DENIKE,  
WALTER ROCHE.

*Present*—Andrew H. Green, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hooper, Lecomte, Tuthill, Eager, Roche, Sinclair, Denike, A. Smith, Clark, Williams, Mackean, Scofield, Boese, Benedict, I. W. Smith, Haskett, Henry, Fellows, Baldwin, Farly, Waterbury—21.

A quorum not being present, the Board adjourned.

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 1857.**

**STATED SESSION.**

*Present*—Andrew H. Green, Esq., President, and Commissioners Auld, Hooper, Niven, Lecomte, Shine, Tuthill, Eager, Roche, Sinclair, Denike, Tweed, Bootman, Lydecker, Slote, Clark, White, Williams, Mackean, Brooker, Scofield, Boese, Burlew, Benedict, I. W. Smith, Haskett, Henry, Fellows, Baldwin, Neilson, Gray, Farley, Waterbury, Monteith, Ranney, Davenport, Kerr—37.

*Absent*—Commissioners Avery, Ware, A. Smith, Haines, Rollins, Edwards—6.

The minutes of the last sessions were read and approved.

Mr. **MACKEAN** presented an application of the School Officers of the Twelfth Ward, for an appropriation for the erection of a School House at Tubby Hook, submitting estimates therefor, and asking the adoption of the following resolution :—

*Resolved*, That the sum of thirteen thousand nine hundred and fifty dollars is hereby appropriated for the erection of a new School House on Two hundred and sixth street and Kings Bridge road, according to the plans and specifications approved by the Committee on Sites and School Houses ; the same to be erected under the direction of the Superintendent of School Buildings, and no payment to be made except upon his certificate ; but no part of the said money shall be paid until the contracts in the usual form, with sureties to be approved by the Finance Committee, for the faithful performance of said contract and against the lien law, shall have been approved and filed with the Board of Education.

On motion of Mr. **WHITE**, said application was referred to the Finance Committee.

Mr. **AULD** presented a communication from the School Officers of the First Ward, nominating William Gruneth and Leopold Lorenz to fill the vacancies in the Board of Trustees of said ward.

*Ordered*, That said communication be referred to the Committee on Elections and Qualifications.

Mr. **SINCLAIR** presented a communication from the School



Officers of the Sixth Ward, nominating William Cantwell as Trustee of Common Schools in said ward.

*Ordered,* That said communication be referred to the Committee on Elections and Qualifications.

Mr. TUTHILL presented a communication from the School Officers of the Fifth Ward, nominating John Ireland for the office of Trustee of Common Schools in said ward.

*Ordered,* That said communication be referred to the Committee on Elections and Qualifications.

Mr. DAVENPORT presented a communication from the School Officers of the Twenty-first Ward, nominating John H. Griscom as Inspector of Common Schools in said ward.

*Ordered,* That said communication be referred to the Committee on Elections and Qualifications.

Mr. TUTHILL presented the application of the School Officers of the Fifth Ward, for an appropriation of \$75 for gift books.

*Ordered,* That said application be laid on the table.

Mr. BOESE presented the application of the School Officers of the Fourteenth Ward for authority to advertise for new furniture for Ward School No. 32; and also, for making sewers in connection with Ward School No. 21.

*Ordered,* That said application be referred to the Committee on Furniture.

Mr. WATERBURY presented the application of the School Officers of the Twentieth Ward for an appropriation for furnaces supplied Ward School No. 48.

*Ordered,* That said application be referred to the Committee on Warming and Ventilation.

Mr. CLARK presented the application of the School Officers of the Tenth Ward for permission to remove Primary Schools Nos. 1 and 4 to the School Building in Ludlow street.

*Ordered,* That said application be referred to the Committee on New Schools.

Mr. CLARK presented the application of the School Officers of the Tenth Ward, for an appropriation for Heating Apparatus in Ward School No. 20 in Chrystie street in said ward.

*Ordered,* That said application be referred to the Committee on Warming and Ventilation.

Mr. **PRESIDENT** laid before the Board the application of the School Officers of the Ninth Ward for an appropriation to alter Primary School House No. 49, in said ward.

*Ordered,* That said application be referred to the Committee on Repairs.

Mr. **TUTHILL** presented the application of the School Officers of the Fifth Ward for authority to paint Ward School No. 44 in said ward.

*Ordered,* That said application be referred to the Committee on Repairs.

Mr. **PRESIDENT** laid before the Board the monthly report of the City Superintendent.

On motion of Mr. **DAVENPORT**—

*Resolved,* That so much of the Superintendent's Report as refers to books used in the schools, not authorized by the Board, be referred to him, with the request that he report to this Board the titles of said books, and the Schools or Departments in which they are used.

Mr. **NEILSON** presented the following resolution in relation to the said Report :—

*Resolved,* That during the months of June, July, and September next, the ward School and Ward Primary assemble at 8 o'clock A. M., and dismiss at 2 P. M.

On motion—

*Ordered,* That the said resolution be referred to the Committee on School Books and Course of Studies.

Mr. **PRESIDENT** laid before the Board a communication from the Counsel to the Corporation, that he could not approve the title to the land in Fourth street near Avenue A, which had been selected for a school site.

*Ordered,* That said communication be referred to the School Officers of the Eleventh Ward.

Mr. **PRESIDENT** laid before the Board the following communication :—

NEW YORK, May 20th 1857.

TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK :

GENTLEMEN,—In compliance with the request of the Board of Commissioners appointed by the Governor of the State, to examine the organization and operation of the System of Public

Education in the city of New York, I take the liberty of communicating the following resolution :—

*Resolved*, That the Chairman be requested to inform the Board of Education of the appointment and organization of this commission, and that this commission is ready to confer with the Board of Education at its convenience.

Respectfully,

T. B. STILLMAN,  
Chairman.

On motion of Mr. WATERBURY—

*Ordered*, That the said communication be placed on file, and that a Special Committee of five be appointed to consider and report what action it is advisable for the Board to take in the matter.

Mr. PRESIDENT appointed Messrs. WATERBURY, TWEED, BOOTMAN, HOOPER, and BOESE, as the said Committee.

Mr. PRESIDENT laid before the Board the following communication from R. SANDS HART :—

NEW YORK, May 6, 1857.

To ANDREW H. GREEN, Esq.,  
President, &c. :

Dear Sir :

The duties of the position I have the honor of holding in the office of the Board of Education have so much increased during the past year, that for some time past I have been obliged to give nearly my whole time, day and evening, for their proper performance. This constant tax on my energies has had a serious effect on my health, and I long since became convinced that it would be necessary for me to seek some employment more regular and less continuous in its nature.

A recent and severe attack of sickness has confirmed me in this determination ; and, as I am now advised that it will be necessary for me to abstain from all business for several weeks to come, I consider it my duty to embrace the first opportunity to inform you thereof, so that the business of the office may not suffer from my absence.

My relations with the officers and members of the Board, during the past five years, have been so uniformly gratifying, and the duties of the office generally so pleasant, that it is with unfeigned regret, that I feel constrained to request you to offer to the Board my resignation for the causes above stated.

With sentiments of the highest regard for yourself,

I subscribe myself,

Your obedient servant,

R. SANDS HART.

On motion, the resignation of Mr. Hart was accepted.

Mr. BOOTMAN presented a communication from the School Officers of the Eighth Ward, together with the estimates for furnishing Ward School No. 8, in Grand street, and asked the adoption of the following resolution:—

*Resolved*, That the sum of three thousand one hundred and five dollars be, and the same hereby is, appropriated to furnish with desks, chairs, settees, &c., Grammar School No. 8, in the Eighth Ward, according to the plans and specifications on file in the office of the Clerk of the Board of Education; the work to be performed under the direction of the Superintendent of the School Buildings, but no part of the money to be paid until the said work has been completed to the satisfaction of the School Officers of the Eighth Ward, and the Superintendent of School Buildings, whose certificate to that effect must be filed in the Clerk's office.

On motion of Mr. WHITE—

*Ordered*, That the said communication be referred to the Finance Committee.

Mr. PRESIDENT presented his objections to signing checks for the payment of several bills.

On motion—

*Ordered*, That the bill of William Stammers & Co., amounting to \$33 19, for wood furnished Ward School No. 39 in the Twelfth Ward; of P. Brennan & Co., amounting to \$25 50, for wood furnished Ward School No. 46, in same ward; of Theodore F. Tone, amounting to \$13 75, for wood furnished Ward School No. 43, in same ward; of W. H. Wilson, amounting to \$16 25, for wood furnished Primary Schools Nos. 52 and 33, in Eighteenth Ward; and of the same party, amounting to \$13 75, for wood furnished Primary School No. 58, in same ward, be referred to the Committee on Supplies.

On motion—

*Ordered*, That the bill of William F. Long, amounting to \$18 75, for attending clocks in Eleventh Ward; of A. H. Gale & Co., amounting to \$120, for rent of piano-fortes in Ward School No. 37, in Twelfth Ward; and of F. H. Nash, amounting to \$45, for rent of piano-fortes in same school and ward; and of E. B. Decker, amounting to \$12, for repair of furniture in School in Thirteenth Ward, be referred to the Finance Committee.

On motion of Mr. LYDECKER—

*Resolved*, That the President and Clerk are hereby authorized to pay the last month's salary of Helen M. Knapp, Principal of Primary Department of said Ward School No. 38, absent on account of sickness.

On motion of Mr. BOESE—

*Resolved*, That the School Officers of the Fourteenth Ward be permitted to close Ward School No. 21, in Baxter street, until September first, in order to complete the repairs and alterations to said School building, as authorized by this Board.

Mr. EAGER presented the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on By-Laws:—

*Resolved*, That the By-Law Committee be requested to examine into the expediency of amending Section 11 of Article 18 of the By-Laws of this Board, by inserting the words, "and shall have attained the age of 18 years," after the word "inclusive," in the fourth line from the top on page 114 of the Manual of 1856.

Mr. NEILSON presented the following resolution:—

*Resolved*, That the President and Clerk be directed to sign no warrants which shall in any manner encroach upon the apportionment made for the current expenses of the several wards, but that the same shall be reserved for the purpose for which they have been apportioned.

On motion of Mr. WATERBURY—

*Ordered*, That said resolution be referred to the Finance Committee

On motion of Mr. DAVENPORT, the report of the Committee on Normal Schools (see page 72 of the Journal) was taken from the table.

By unanimous consent, the Chairman, Mr. DAVENPORT, had leave to withdraw the said report.

Mr. TWEED presented the report of the Committee on School Furniture, with the following resolution annexed:—

*Resolved*, That the President and Clerk be authorized to sign warrants in favor of W. & J. Sloane for two hundred and six <sup>22</sup>/<sub>100</sub> dollars, for carpets furnished in the Seventeenth Ward.

WM. M. TWEED,	} Committee on School Furniture.
JAMES MACKEAN,	
JONATHAN L. SCOTFIELD,	

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows:—

*Ayes*—Messrs. Niven, Lecomte, Tuthill, Sinclair, Denike, Tweed, Clark, White, Mackean, Scofield, Benedict, I. W. Smith, Henry, Fellows, Baldwin, Neilson, Gray, Waterbury, Monteith, Ranney—20.

*Nays*—Hooper, Bootman, Lydecker, Brooker, Green, Haskett, Farley, Davenport, Kerr—9.

Mr. WATERBURY presented the report of the Finance Committee, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Comptroller of the city be, and is hereby requested to authorize the city Chamberlain to place in the City Treasury the sum of eighty-five thousand dollars, subject to the drafts of the Board of Education, on and after the 21st day of May, 1857.

NELSON J. WATERBURY,	} Finance Committee.
RICHARD C. FELLOWS,	
JOHN HOOPER,	
ALBERT SMITH,	
GEORGE H. CLARK,	

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. WATERBURY presented the report of the Finance Committee, with the following resolution annexed:—

*Resolved*, That forty thousand dollars are hereby appropriated for the salaries of Teachers and Janitors in the Ward and Primary Schools for the month of May, 1857.

NELSON J. WATERBURY,	} Finance Committee.
RICHARD C. FELLOWS,	
JOHN HOOPER,	
ALBERT SMITH,	
GEORGE H. CLARK,	

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows:—

*Ayes*—Messrs. Hooper, Niven, Lecomte, Tuthill, Eager, Sinclair, Denike, Tweed, Bootman, Lydecker, Clark, White, Williams, Mackean, Scofield, Green, Benedict, I. W. Smith, Haskett, Henry, Fellows, Baldwin, Neilson, Gray, Farley, Waterbury, Monteith, Ranney, Davenport, Kerr—30.

Mr. WATERBURY presented the report of the Finance Committee, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions :—

*Resolved*, That the School moneys for the present year be reserved, set apart and paid as may be required, upon appropriations previously made, as follows, viz. :

For paying checks drawn on the Chamberlain previous to the 1st day of January, 1857, beyond the amount of the moneys placed by the Comptroller to the credit of the Board of Education, and for the balances remaining unpaid of appropriations made prior to the first day of January, 1857.....	143,572 18
For salaries of Teachers and Janitors in the Ward and Primary Schools.....	500,000 00
For incidental expenses of said Schools, including current repairs and fuel.....	65,000 00
For repairs through the Shop.....	10,000 00
For Books, Stationery and other Supplies for said Schools.....	80,000 00
For Rent of premises occupied for School purposes .....	11,000 00
For Apportionment to the Corporate Schools....	28,692 28
For the support of the Free Academy.....	45,000 00
For repairs, &c., for the Free Academy.....	2,000 00
For the support of the Normal Schools.....	15,000 00
For the support of the Evening Schools.....	45,000 00
For salaries of the City Superintendent and Assistants, Clerk of the Board of Education and Assistants, and other Officers.....	24,000 00
For incidental expenses of the Board of Education, including printing, repairs of the Hall, &c.....	11,000 00
For the purchase of Sites, for erecting, enlarging and repairing buildings, and for miscellaneous appropriations made by the Board of Education on account of Ward Schools and School Buildings .....	120,146 36

Amount of School money for the year 1857. \$1,100,410 82

*Resolved*, That after the payments on account of either of the items above specified shall have exhausted the item, no further payments be made on account thereof, notwithstanding the money for such payment may have been duly appropriated, unless this Board shall specifically direct that the pay-

ment be made, and the amount thereof deducted from one of the other of the above items.

*Whereas*, the amount of money provided for the salaries of Teachers and Janitors of the Day Schools for the year 1857, by the annual estimate adopted by the Board of Education of last year was \$190,000—and *whereas* the largest amount which can be applied to that purpose is \$500,000—and *whereas* the payment of salaries for the balance of the year at the rate at which the payments were made for the month of January, with an addition thereto of two and a half per cent. will exhaust the whole of the said last mentioned sum : therefore,

*Resolved*, That as a general regulation relative to the salaries of Teachers and Janitors for the present year, it is hereby directed that no more money shall be paid in any month for salaries of Teachers and Janitors, in any Ward, than was paid in the same Ward for that purpose for the month of January last past, with the addition of two and a half per cent. thereto, unless an increased expenditure shall be authorized by this Board, previous to the incurring thereof; and the President and Clerk are hereby instructed not to sign warrants for the payment of salaries in any Ward, except for the present month of May, beyond the amount allowed to that Ward under the foregoing regulation; and the Clerk is further instructed to transmit a copy of this resolution to the Board of Trustees of each Ward, with a statement of the maximum amount per month which can be paid in the Ward, for salaries of Teachers and Janitors.

NELSON J. WATERBURY,	} Committee.
RICH. C. FELLOWS,	
ALBERT SMITH,	
JOHN HOOPER,	
GEO. H. CLARK,	

On motion of Mr. NEILSON—

*Ordered*, That said report be laid on the table, and made the special order for the next stated session immediately after the third order of business.

Mr. WATERBURY presented the report of the Finance Committee, with the following resolution annexed :

*Resolved*, That the President and Clerk of this Board are hereby authorized and directed to sign a warrant in favor of Robert H. Shannon, for the sum of one hundred dollars, in full of all claims on account of his services and disbursements in defending the Commissioners of Common Schools of the Twenty-second Ward, against an application for a mandamus



to compel them to countersign a warrant for the payment of the salary of Miss Caroline E. Church, a Teacher in Ward School No. 28; said application having been denied by the Special Term, and an appeal by the General Term of the Supreme Court, which said amount is hereby appropriated for that purpose.

NELSON J. WATERBURY,	} Finance Committee.
RICHARD C. FELLOWS,	
ALBERT SMITH,	
JOHN HOOPER,	
GEORGE H. CLARK,	

Mr. WATERBURY moved the previous question.

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would second the motion of Mr. Waterbury, and it was decided in the negative, as follows:—

*Ayes*—Messrs. Auld, Hooper, Shine, Tuthill, Eager, Roche, Sinclair, Denike, Bootman, Lydecker, White, Brooker, Henry, Waterbury—14.

*Nays*—Messrs. Niven, Lecomte, Williams, Mackean, Scofield, Boese, Green, Benedict, I. W. Smith, Haskett, Fellows, Baldwin, Neilson, Gray, Farley, Monteith, Ranney, Davenport, Kerr—19.

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the resolution reported by the Committee, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows:—

*Ayes*—Messrs. Auld, Hooper, Lecomte, Shine, Roche, Sinclair, Denike, Bootman, Lydecker, White, Williams, Mackean, Brooker, Benedict, Henry, Fellows, Waterbury, Ranney, Davenport, Kerr—20.

*Nays*—Messrs. Niven, Tuthill, Eager, Scofield, Boese, Green, I. W. Smith, Haskett, Baldwin, Neilson, Gray, Farley—12.

Mr. WATERBURY presented the report of the Finance Committee, with the following resolution annexed:—

*Resolved*, That the course of the President of this Board, in declining to sign a warrant for the payment of the bill of A. McKenzie of \$208 29, for plumbing for Ward School No. 50, is hereby approved.

NELSON J. WATERBURY,	} Finance Committee.
RICHARD C. FELLOWS,	
ALBERT SMITH,	
JOHN HOOPER,	
GEORGE H. CLARK,	

Mr. NELSON moved to amend the said report by adding after the resolution reported by the Committee, as follows :—

*Resolved*, That \$208 29 be and is hereby appropriated to pay the bill of Alexander McKenzie, for plumbing work in Ward School No. 50, in Eighteenth Ward—and the President and Clerk are hereby directed to pay the same.

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the said amendment, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :—

*Ayes*—Messrs. Auld, Lecomte, Roche, Sinclair, Denike, Tweed, Slote, Williams, Mackean, Brooker, Scofield, Boese, Benedict, I. W. Smith, Haskett, Henry, Baldwin, Neilson, Gray, Farley, Ranney, Davenport, Kerr—23.

*Nays*—Messrs. Niven, Shine, Bootman, Lydecker, Clark, White, Green, Fellows, Waterbury—9.

Mr. DENIKE moved the previous question on the adoption of the resolutions as amended, which was seconded by the Board, as follows :—

*Ayes*—Messrs. Auld, Niven, Lecomte, Shine, Sinclair, Denike, Tweed, Bootman, Lydecker, Slote, Clark, White, I. W. Smith, Henry, Waterbury, Ranney, Kerr—17.

*Nays*—Messrs. Williams, Mackean, Brooker, Scofield, Boese, Green, Benedict, Haskett, Baldwin, Neilson—10.

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolutions, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :—

*Ayes*—Messrs. Lecomte, Roche, Sinclair, Denike, Tweed, Bootman, Clark, Williams, Mackean, Brooker, Scofield, Boese, Benedict, I. W. Smith, Haskett, Henry, Baldwin, Neilson, Gray, Farley, Ranney, Davenport, Kerr—23.

*Nays*—Messrs. Niven, Shine, Lydecker, Slote, White, Fellows, Waterbury—7.

Mr. WATERBURY presented the report of the Finance Committee, recommending the adoption of the following resolution :—

*Resolved*, That the sum of eighty-nine dollars and sixteen cents is hereby appropriated for the payment of the bill of Daniel Christie, for extra work on Ward School No. 50, and the sum of one hundred and eight dollars and fifty-cents, for

the payment of the bill of W. T. J. Sankey, for extra work on Ward School No. 12.

NELSON J. WATERBURY,	} Finance Committee.
RICHARD C. FELLOWS,	
ALBERT SMITH,	
GEORGE H. CLARK,	

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

*Ayes*—Messrs. Auld, Hooper, Niven, Lecomte, Shine, Tut-hill, Eager, Roche, Sinclair, Denike, Bootman, Lydecker, Williams, Mackean, Brooker, Scofield, Boese, Benedict, I. W. Smith, Haskett, Henry, Fellows, Baldwin, Neilson, Gray, Farley, Waterbury, Davenport, Kerr—29.

Mr. WATERBURY presented the report of the Finance Committee, with the following resolution annexed :—

*Resolved*, That the course of the President of this Board, in declining to sign a warrant for the payment of a bill of W. H. Arthur & Co., of \$127 50, for printing one thousand copies of a pamphlet containing the proceedings attending the re-opening of a School in the Seventh Ward, is hereby approved, and it is directed that the said bill be not paid.

NELSON J. WATERBURY,	} Finance Committee.
RICHARD C. FELLOWS,	
ALBERT SMITH,	
JOHN HOOPER,	
GEORGE H. CLARK,	

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the said motion, and it was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. WATERBURY presented the report of the Finance Committee, with the following resolution annexed :—

*Resolved*, That the President and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to sign warrants for the payment of the bills of Mary Crenien \$3, and Mary Conlahan \$4, for sweeping in Ward School No. 50, and Robert Paton \$750, for chairs and enamelled cloth for the schools of the Eighteenth Ward, the said bills being duly certified and audited by the School Officers of that Ward.

NELSON J. WATERBURY,	} Finance Committee.
RICHARD C. FELLOWS,	
ALBERT SMITH,	
JOHN HOOPER,	
GEORGE H. CLARK,	

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolution reported by the Committee, and it was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. WATERBURY presented the report of the Finance Committee, with the following resolution annexed :

*Resolved*, That the President and Clerk of the Board are hereby authorized and directed to sign warrants for the payment of the two bills of F. Hertle, amounting to \$24 95, for frames for the Ward Schools of the Fourteenth Ward ; of William Mead, amounting to \$10 12, for frames for Ward School, No. 42, Tenth Ward ; of Williams, Stevens & Co., amounting to \$24 62, for frames for Ward Schools of Sixth Ward ; and of F. M. Peyser, amounting to \$184 77, for worsted for the Ward Schools of the Sixth Ward.

*Resolved*, That the President and Clerk are hereby instructed not to pay bills incurred after this date, for the purchase of frames to enclose drawings and other work, or for the purchase of materials for fancy needlework, embroidery or knitting ; and that a certified copy of this resolution be sent by the Clerk to the Board of Trustees in each ward.

NELSON J. WATERBURY,	} Finance Committee.
RICHARD C. FELLOWS,	
ALBERT SMITH,	
JOHN HOOPER,	
GEO. H. CLARK,	

Mr. BROOKER moved to lay said report on the table—which was lost by the following vote :—

*Ayes*—Messrs. Denike, Bootman, White, Brooker, Scofield, I. W. Smith, Gray, Ranney, Kerr—9.

*Nays*—Messrs. Auld, Niven, Lecomte, Shine, Roche, Sinclair, Tweed, Lydecker, Slote, Clark, Williams, Mackean, Boese, Green, Benedict, Haskett, Henry, Fellows, Baldwin, Neilson, Waterbury, Davenport—22.

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with so much of the first of the said resolutions as relates to the picture frames, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :—

*Ayes*—Messrs. Auld, Hooper, Niven, Avery, Lecomte, Shine, Roche, Sinclair, Denike, Tweed, Slote, Clark, Williams, Mackean, Boese, Benedict, Smith, Haskett, Henry, Fellows, Baldwin, Neilson, Gray, Farley, Waterbury—25.

*Nays*—Bootman, Lydecker, White, Brooker, Green, Ranney, Davenport, Kerr—8.

Mr. PRESIDENT then put the question whether the Board would agree with that portion of the said resolution relating to the bill for worsted work, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows:—

*Ayes*—Messrs. Auld, Niven, Lecomte, Shine, Roche, Sinclair, Denike, Tweed, Slote, Clark, White, Williams, Mackean, Boese, Benedict, Haskett, Henry, Fellows, Baldwin, Neilson, Gray, Waterbury—22.

*Nays*—Messrs. Bootman, Lydecker, Brooker, Scofield, Green, I. W. Smith, Ranney, Davenport, Kerr—9.

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the second of the said resolutions, and it was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. WATERBURY presented the report of the Finance Committee, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the course of the President of this Board, in declining to sign the warrants for the payment of certain bills incurred by the School Officers of the Eighteenth Ward, viz: of the Evening Post, \$1 12; and of the New York Daily Express, \$1, for advertising lecture on music by R. S. Willis, Esq., and of Baker & Godwin, \$68, for printing relative to the procurement of a School Library by private subscription, is hereby approved, and that the said bills be not paid.

NELSON J. WATERBURY,	}	Finance Committee.
RICHARD C. FELLOWS,		
ALBERT SMITH,		
JOHN HOOPER,		
GEO. H. CLARK,		

Mr. NELSON called for a division of the question.

Mr. PRESIDENT then put the question on so much of the resolution as relates to the two bills for advertising, and it was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question on the remaining part of the said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. WATERBURY presented the report of the Finance Committee, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:—

*Resolved*, That the President and Clerk of this Board are hereby authorized and directed to sign a warrant for the payment of the bill of F. H. Nash, \$21, for the hire and cartage of

a piano-forte for the Female Evening School of the Fourteenth Ward.

*Resolved*, That the Evening School Committee are hereby instructed not to hire musical instruments for the Evening Schools, or any of them ; and that no bills be paid for the future hire of such instruments for any of the said schools.

NELSON J. WATERBURY,	}	Finance Committee.
RICHARD C. FELLOWS,		
ALBERT SMITH,		
JOHN HOOPER,		
GEO. H. CLARK,		

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. WATERBURY presented the report of the Committee on Elections and Qualifications, recommending the adoption of the following resolution :—

*Resolved*, That Andrew J. Perry is hereby appointed as Commissioner of Common Schools for the First Ward, in place of Josiah W. Brown, resigned.

NELSON J. WATERBURY,	}	Committee.
WILLIAM JAY HASKETT,		
ISAAC W. SMITH,		

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. LECOMTE presented the report of the Committee on Elections and Qualifications, recommending the adoption of the following resolution :—

*Resolved*, That Samuel N. Lecomte and Charles W. Frazer be appointed as Trustees of Common Schools for the Third Ward, in place of Melville Parkhurst and William L. Ellsworth, whose seats have been declared vacant by reason of their removal from the Ward.

NELSON J. WATERBURY,	}	Committee on Elections and Qualifications.
W. JAY HASKETT,		
DAVID B. KERR,		

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. WILLIAMS presented the report of the Executive Committee on the Free Academy, recommending certain amendments to the By-Laws relating to the course of study at the Academy.

A. V. WILLIAMS, JAMES M. TUTHILL, RICHARD C. FELLOWS, SIMEON BALDWIN, LAFAYETTE RANNEY, THOMAS BOESE, WILLIAM M. TWEED,	}	Committee.
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On motion—

*Ordered*, That the said report be laid on the table and printed. (See Document No. 10.)

Mr. FELLOWS presented the report of the Executive Committee on the Free Academy, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:—

*Resolved*, That the President and Clerk of the Board of Education be hereby directed to draw a check for the amount of four hundred and sixty-six  $\frac{2}{3}$  dollars in favor of Alfred G. Compton, and the sum of four hundred and thirty-three  $\frac{1}{3}$  dollars in favor of John Hardy, for arrears of salary due to them, respectively, for services as tutors in the Free Academy, under the resolution by which they were appointed such tutors.

RICHARD C. FELLOWS, S. BALDWIN,	}	Committee.
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*Resolved*, That the foregoing report be accepted by this Committee; the resolution be adopted, and the report and resolution be presented to the Board of Education for their approval.

A. V. WILLIAMS, THOMAS BOESE, WM. M. TWEED, RICHARD C. FELLOWS, JAMES M. TUTHILL, L. RANNEY.
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Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would would agree with the said resolutions, and it was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. WILLIAMS presented the report of the Executive Committee on the Free Academy, recommending the following amendments to the By-Laws:—

Amend section 53, by striking out all after the clause, "No student shall be a member of more than one society."

Amend section 55 by striking out the first clause ending with the words, "No other time and place, inclusive," and inserting a clause to the following effect: "Meetings of the Societies shall be held at such time and place as they may designate, subject to the approval of the executive Committee." Also by striking out the latter part of the same section, commencing with, "they shall have no libraries."

Amend section 57 by inserting the words, "The Societies," immediately after "instructors and students."

*Resolved*, That the above amendments be and the same are hereby made to the By-Laws of the Board of Education.

A. V. WILLIAMS,	} Executive Committee on the Free Academy.
JAMES M. TUTHILL,	
THOMAS BOESE,	
WM. M. TWEED,	
RICHARD C. FELLOWS,	

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolution and amendments, and it was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. DENIKE presented the report of the Committee on Repairs, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the bill of James Hart, amounting to \$39 76 for tablet, at W. S. No. 13.

On motion, said report was adopted.

Mr. DENIKE presented the report of the Committee on Repairs with the following resolution annexed:—

*Resolved*, That the President and Clerk be instructed to pay the bills of Thomas Hasset and Richard Calrow, amounting to one hundred and twenty-six  $\frac{37}{100}$  dollars, for extra work on Ward School House No. 5, in the Fourteenth Ward, and the said sum is hereby appropriated for that purpose.

ABRAHAM DENIKE,	} Committee on Repairs.
ELIPHALET BOOTMAN,	
WM. B. EAGER, Jr.,	
STEPHEN BROOKER,	
WALTER ROCHE,	

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows:—

*Ayes*—Messrs. Auld, Lecomte, Shine, Tuthill, Eager, Roche, Sinclair, Denike, Tweed, Bootman, Lydecker, Slote, Clark,



Williams, Mackean, Brooker, Scofield, Boese, Benedict, Haskett, Henry, Fellows, Neilson, Waterbury, Ranney, Davenport, Kerr—27.

Mr. DENIKE presented the report of the Committee on Repairs, with the following resolution annexed :—

*Resolved,* That the President and Clerk are hereby authorized to pay the bill of John Gallier, for extra carpenter work at School House No. 13, in Houston street, and that the sum of thirty-six dollars and forty-two cents is hereby appropriated therefor in addition to the balance now remaining on the building appropriation for said house.

ABRAHAM DENIKE, WALTER ROCHE, WM. B. EAGER, E. BOOTMAN, STEPHEN BROOKER,	}	Committee on Repairs.
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Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :—

*Ayes*—Messrs. Lecomte, Shine, Tuthill, Eager, Roche, Sinclair, Denike, Tweed, Bootman, Lydecker, Slote, Clark, Williams, Mackean, Brooker, Scofield, Boese, Benedict, I. W. Smith, Haskett, Henry, Baldwin, Neilson, Gray, Waterbury, Ranney, Davenport, Kerr—27.

*Nays*—Mr. White—1.

Mr. DENIKE presented the report of the Committee on Repairs, on the application of the School Officers of the Ninth Ward, with the following resolution annexed :—

*Resolved,* That the School Officers of the Ninth Ward are hereby authorized to advertise for proposals for the erection of an addition to Ward School House No. 41, in Greenwich avenue, in accordance with the plans and specifications on file in the Clerk's office.

ABRAHAM DENIKE, ELIPHALET BOOTMAN, W. B. EAGER, Jr., STEPHEN BROOKER, WALTER ROCHE,	}	Committee on Repairs.
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Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. DENIKE presented the report of the Committee on Repairs, with the following resolution annexed :—

*Resolved*, That the President and Clerk be directed to draw a warrant or check in favor of Cornelius Collins for eleven hundred and sixty-five dollars for work done on Ward School House No. 34, in the Thirteenth Ward, the Superintendent of School Buildings having certified that the work is done.

*Resolved*, That the President and Clerk be directed to draw a warrant in favor of Cornelius Collins for the further sum of fifty dollars for extra work on the said School House, and the same is hereby appropriated for that purpose,

ABRAHAM DENIKE, ELIPHALET BOOTMAN, WM. B. EAGER, STEPHEN BROOKER,	}	Committee on Repairs.
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On motion of Mr. WATERBURY—

*Ordered*, That the said report be referred to the Finance Committee.

Mr. TUTHILL presented the report of the Committee on Sites and School Houses, recommending the adoption of the following resolution :—

*Resolved*, That the School Officers of the Seventh Ward be, and they are hereby authorized to advertise for proposals for the alteration of Ward School House No. 31, according to the plans and specifications on file in the Clerk's office.

JAMES M. TUTHILL, JOHN R. LYDECKER, WILLIAM SINCLAIR, A. B. ROLLINS, per W. Sinclair,	}	Committee.
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Mr. WHITE moved to refer the said report to the Committee on Repairs. Lost.

Mr. WATERBURY moved to refer the said report to the Committee on New Schools, with instructions to report whether it is not expedient to consolidate Ward Schools Nos. 12 and 31. Lost.

Mr. WATERBURY moved to lay the report on the table. Lost.

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the resolutions reported by the Committee, and it was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. LYDECKER presented the report of the Auditing Committee in favor of paying certain bills for incidental expenses, with the following resolution annexed:—

*Resolved*, That the President and Clerk are hereby directed to sign checks for the above named bills, amounting to one hundred and twenty-one dollars and eighty-two cents.

JOHN R. LYDECKER,	} Auditing Committee.
J. DAVENPORT,	
JAMES MACKEAN,	
JAMES F. HENRY,	

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows:—

*Ayes*—Messrs. Lecomte, Shine, Tuthill, Eager, Roche, Lydecker, Slote, Clark, Williams, Mackean, Scofield, Boese, Benedict, I. W. Smith, Henry, Baldwin, Davenport, Kerr—18.

*Nays*—Messrs. Sinclair, Denike, Tweed, White, Green, Neilson, Ranney—7.

Mr. I. W. SMITH presented the report of the Committee on Teachers on the application of Miss Caroline E. Church, with the following resolution annexed:—

*Resolved*, That the President and Clerk of this Board be, and they are hereby authorized and directed, to sign a warrant in favor of Caroline E. Church, for one hundred and ninety-nine and  $\frac{1}{8}$  dollars (\$199,41), for services as a teacher in Ward School No. 28, to February 4th, 1857.

ISAAC WM. SMITH,	} Committee on Teachers.
WM. MONTEITH,	
W. JAY HASKETT,	
WM. H. NEILSON,	
DAVID B. KERR,	

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. DAVENPORT presented the report of the Committee on Supplies, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:—

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Supplies be authorized to contract with Mr. J. T. Barnard and his sureties, Messrs. Stephen Roberts and James Bedell, for the wood, and with

Mr. Thomas O'Neil, and his sureties, Messrs. Charles A. Heckscher and Moses Taylor & Co., for the coal required for the Schools, from the 25th of May, 1857, to the 1st of May, 1858, in accordance with the advertised proposals of the Committee, and the bids submitted by these parties in answer thereto.

J. DAVENPORT, GEO. WHITE, TERENCE FARLEY, THOMAS BOESE, DANIEL SLOTE,	}	Committee on Supplies.
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Mr. MACKEAN moved to except the Twelfth Ward from the operation of the proposed contracts for fuel.

Mr. PRESIDENT decided that the motion was not in order.

Mr. PRESIDENT then put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. BENEDICT presented the report of the Select Committee appointed to enquire and report upon the propriety and expediency of establishing a Female Free Academy, with the following resolution annexed:—

*Resolved*, That it is expedient that a Free Academy for Females be established by this Board in connexion with the Public Schools of the city.

E. C. BENEDICT, NEILSON J. WATERBURY, WM. B. EAGER, Jr., A. V. WILLIAMS,	}	Committee on Female Free Academy.
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Mr. NEILSON, from the minority of said Committee, presented a report on the same subject, with the following resolution annexed:—

*Resolved*, That it is inexpedient at this time to establish in this city a Free Academy for Females.

WILLIAM H. NEILSON.

On motion—

*Ordered*, That the said reports be laid on the table and printed. (Document No. 11.)

Mr. BENEDICT presented the report of the Select Committee on so much of the President's remarks as relates to the child-

ren of the city who do not attend school, with the following resolution annexed:—

*Resolved*, That it is expedient to take an educational or school census of this city, provided the same can be done under the direction of this Board without too great an outlay of expense; and that the Committee having the subject in charge be instructed to report a mode, with the plan and details of taking the same, with a view of advertising for estimates to take the same by contract.

E. C. BENEDICT, TERENCE FARLEY, JOHN HOOPER, THOS. BOESE, WM. M. TWEED,	}	Committee.
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On motion—

*Ordered*, That the said report be laid on the table and printed. (Document No. 12.)

Mr. MACKEAN presented the following, which was adopted:—

*Whereas*, the Board of Ten Governors have withdrawn the children from the Primary Departments of Ward School No. 6, and the teachers are daily in attendance without any pupils to teach; and it is, therefore, proper to inquire whether it is proper to continue the names of said teachers on the pay-roll: Therefore—

*Resolved*, That said matter be referred to a Special Committee, to report to this Board what action is proper to be had in the premises.

Mr. PRESIDENT stated to the Board that a person had placed in his hands seventy-five cents, which was said to belong to the public treasury.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk deposit the same with the City Chamberlain to the credit of this Board.

The Board adjourned.

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 1857.

### STATED SESSION.

*Present*—Andrew H. Green, Esq., President, and Commissioners Perry, Auld, Hooper, Niven, Lecomte, Ware, Shine, Tuthill, Eager, Roche, Sinclair, Denike, Tweed, Bootman, Lydecker, A. Smith, Haines, Slote, Clark, White, Rollins, Williams, Mackean, Scoofield, Boese, Benedict, I. W. Smith, Haskett, Henry, Fellows, Baldwin, Neilson, Gray, Farley, Waterbury, Ranney, Davenport—38.

*Absent*—Commissioners Avery, Brooker, Burlew, Monteith, Edwards, Kerr—6.

The Journal of the last session was read, and on motion amended so as to state on page 77, lines 29 and 30, that the corporation counsel did not approve the title to the land in Fourth street, near Avenue C; and, on page 86, line 36, by striking out “\$750,” and inserting \$7.50; and, on page 90, by inserting the word *as* before the words *such tutors* in the last line of the resolution reported by the Executive Committee on the Free Academy, and by inserting after the names of the members signing the said report, the words “*Executive Committee on the Free Academy.*”

The Journal was approved as amended.

Mr. WATERBURY presented a communication from the School Officers of the Twentieth Ward, asking that they be authorized to contract with Thomas Harrison, for heating apparatus for Ward School No. 51.

*Ordered*, That said communication be referred to the Committee on Warming and Ventilation.

Mr. A. SMITH presented a communication from the School Officers of the Ninth Ward, submitting proposals for erecting an addition to Ward School No. 41, and asking an appropriation for the said purpose.

*Ordered*, That the said communication be referred to the Finance Committee.

Mr. PRESIDENT laid before the Board a communication from William Sinclair, Junior, in relation to the payment of his salary, for services as teacher in Ward School No. 23.

On motion—

*Ordered*, That said communication be referred to the Committee on Teachers.

Mr. TWEED presented a communication from the School Officers of the Seventh Ward, submitting the proposals received by them for the proposed alterations of Ward School No. 31, and asking the adoption of the following resolutions :

*Resolved*, That the contract for work required under the specifications for the carpenter work and material required in erecting and finishing four wings, &c., on the main building of Ward School No. 31, in Monroe street, be awarded to Wm. T. J. Sankey, for the sum of \$9,475, his being the lowest bid for said work.

*Resolved*, That the contract for work required under the specifications for the mason work and material required in erecting and finishing four wings, &c., on the main building of Ward School No. 31, in Monroe street, be awarded to M. J. Newman, for the sum of \$5,860, his being the lowest bid for the said work.

*Resolved*, That the Board of Education be, and hereby are respectfully requested to authorize this Board of School Officers to execute contracts with the above named Sankey and Newman, respectively, for the mason and carpenter work, and pass an appropriation of \$15,335 for the payment of the same.

ABRAHAM DENIKE,  
W. B. Worrall,  
DAVID P. ARNOLD,  
Z. C. INSLEE,  
JAS. P. BREMNER,  
THOMAS LAWLER,  
G. W. KING,  
W. M. TWEED.

Mr. DAVENPORT moved to refer the said communication to the Finance Committee—*Lost*.

Mr. DAVENPORT moved to amend, by adding at the end of the said resolutions—"And that the School Officers of the Twenty-first Ward are hereby authorized to advertise for proposals for the alteration of Ward School No. 14, in said ward, in accordance with the plans and specifications on file in the Clerk's office.

Mr. WHITE moved the previous question, on the said amendment proposed by Mr. Davenport, which was seconded by the Board, as follows :

*Ayes*—Niven, Lecomte, Ware, Tuthill, Roche, Sinclair, Denike, Tweed, Lydecker, Albert Smith, Haines, Clark, White, Rollins, Haskett, Henry, Fellows, Farley—18.

*Nays*—Perry, Hooper, Eager, Bootman, Williams, Mackean, Scofield, Green, Benedict, Isaac W. Smith, Neilson, Gray, Waterbury, Ranney, Davenport—15.

Mr. PRESIDENT then put the question whether the Board would agree with the said amendment, and it was decided in the negative, as follows :

*Ayes*—Roche, Sinclair, Tweed, Bootman, Lydecker, Haines, White, Williams, Boese, Haskett, Henry, Baldwin, Gray, Farley, Ranney, Davenport—16.

*Nays*—Perry, Auld, Hooper, Niven, Lecomte, Ware, Tuthill, Eager, Denike, Albert Smith, Clark, Rollins, Mackean, Scofield, Green, Benedict, Isaac W. Smith, Fellows, Neilson, Waterbury—20.

Mr. PRESIDENT then put the question whether the Board would agree with the resolutions presented by Mr. Tweed, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

*Ayes*—Perry, Niven, Lecomte, Ware, Tuthill, Roche, Sinclair, Denike, Tweed, Lydecker, Albert Smith, Haines, Clark, White, Rollins, Mackean, Boese, Benedict, Haskett, Henry, Fellows, Gray, Farley—23.

*Nays*—Auld, Hooper, Eager, Bootman, Williams, Scofield, Isaac W. Smith, Baldwin, Neilson, Waterbury, Ranney, Davenport—12.

On motion, the last vote on the said resolutions was reconsidered.

Mr. TWEED moved to amend the said resolutions, by striking out all after the word "*Resolved*," in the first resolution, and inserting as follows :

*Resolved*, That the sum of fifteen thousand three hundred and thirty-five dollars be, and the same is, hereby appropriated to make alterations at School House No. 31, in the Seventh Ward ; such alterations to be done according to the plans and specifications on file in the office of this Board ; but no portion of such money shall be paid until the School Officers of the Seventh Ward shall have duly filed the contracts to be entered into by them for that purpose, together with such security as



shall be satisfactory to the Finance Committee for the faithful performance of said contracts and against the lien law, and shall have been approved by said Committee as to the form thereof, and the amount and time of payment of instalments, the said alterations to be done under the direction of the Superintendent of School Buildings, and his certificate to be filed in the Clerk's office before the payment of any instalments.

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the said motion of Mr. TWEED, and it was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. PRESIDENT then put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolution as amended, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

*Ayes*—Perry, Auld, Niven, Lecomte, Tuthill, Roche, Sinclair, Denike, Tweed, Lydecker, Albert Smith, Clark, White, Rollins, Williams, Mackean, Boese, Haskett, Henry, Fellows, Baldwin, Gray, Farley—23.

*Nays*—Hooper, Eager, Bootman, Isaac W. Smith, Neilson, Waterbury, Ranney, Davenport—8.

Mr. PRESIDENT laid before the Board the following communication from William Oland Bourne, Esq.

HALL OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION,  
Corner of Grand and Elm streets, New York,  
Clerk's Office, June 1st, 1857.

ANDREW H. GREEN, Esq.,

President of the Board of Education :

Dear Sir,—Considerations of an imperative nature, which have been for some time pressing upon me, have led me to tender to you, and through you to the Board of Education, the resignation of the position of Deputy-Clerk, which I have held for some time past. The state of my health for some months has warned me of the necessity of a change of occupation, and if possible, of scene and climate, and I feel that it would be trespassing upon the indulgence of the Board to ask extension of the time which has been so liberally granted already.

The period of my connection with the Board of Education as one of its servants, both in the Free Academy and in the Clerk's Office, has been crowded with incidents which will ever be cherished in my most lively remembrance, and the kind and

friendly intercourse which it has been my good fortune to enjoy in my relations with the members of the Board, will never be forgotten as long as memory is true to its trust.

In thus presenting my resignation, permit me to express the high esteem which I entertain for yourself and for the members of the Board ; and with my earnest wishes that the important trust which is committed to your care may be made the means of unmeasured good to the present and future of our country,

I have the honor to be,

Your obedient servt.,

WM. OLAND BOURNE.

Mr. SINCLAIR moved that the resignation of Mr. Bourne be accepted, and that the Board do now proceed to elect a person to fill the vacancy in the Clerk's Office, caused by the resignation of Mr. Hart.

Mr. NEILSON moved to amend the proposition of Mr. Sinclair, by striking out all after the word *accepted*.

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the said motion, and it was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. PRESIDENT then put the question whether the Board would accept the resignation of Mr. Bourne, and it was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. BOESE moved that the Rules of Order be suspended, for the purpose of going into an election to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Hart.

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the motion of Mr. Boese, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

*Ayes*—Messrs. Perry, Auld, Niven, Lecomte, Ware, Roche, Sinclair, Denike, Tweed, Lydecker, Albert Smith, Clark, White, Rollins, Williams, Boese, Green, Benedict, Haskett, Henry, Fellows, Gray, Farley, Waterbury—24.

*Nays*—Messrs. Hooper, Tuthill, Eager, Bootman, Mackean, Scofield, I. W. Smith, Baldwin, Neilson, Ranney, Davenport—11.

Mr. TWEED moved that the Board do now proceed to ballot.

Mr. NEILSON moved to amend, by referring the subject of

filling the said vacancy to the Committee on Salaries and Offices—Lost.

Mr. DAVENPORT moved to lay the whole matter on the table—Lost.

Mr. NEILSON moved to postpone the said election until the next stated session of the Board, and that the same be made a special order immediately after the reading of the Journal—Lost.

Mr. WATERBURY moved the previous question, which was seconded by the Board as follows:

*Ayes*—Messrs. Niven, Lecomte, Shine, Roche, Tweed, Lydecker, Albert Smith, Clark, White, Rollins, Boese, Haskett, Henry, Fellows, Gray, Farley, Waterbury.—17.

*Nays*—Messrs. Perry, Auld, Hooper, Tuthill, Eager, Williams, Mackean, Scofield, Green, Benedict, Isaac W. Smith, Baldwin, Neilson, Davenport—14.

Mr. PRESIDENT then put the question whether the Board would agree with the motion of Mr. Tweed, and it was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. PRESIDENT appointed Messrs. Gray and Niven as tellers.

The Clerk called the roll, and the following members answered to their names as they deposited their ballots:

*Ayes*—Messrs. Perry, Auld, Hooper Niven, Lecomte, Ware, Shine, Tuthill, Eager, Roache, Sinclair, Tweed, Lydecker, Albert Smith, Clark, White, Rollins, Williams, Mackean, Boese, Green, Benedict, Haskett, Henry, Fellows, Baldwin, Neilson, Gray, Farley, Waterbury, Davenport—31.

The tellers reported the whole number of ballots..... 31.

Of which William F. Clark received..... 23

David Adie “ ..... 2

William Stewart, “ ..... 1

James M. Boyd, “ ..... 1

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Mr. PRESIDENT declared that Mr. William F. Clark was duly elected an Assistant in the Clerk's office, in the place of Mr. Hart, resigned.

Mr. MACKEAN moved that the rules be suspended, and that the Board proceed to elect a Deputy Clerk in the place of Mr. Bourne, resigned.

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the said motion, and it was decided in the negative, as follows :

*Ayes*—Messrs. Hooper, Tuthill, Tweed, Lydecker, Clark, White, Rollins, Williams, Mackean, Scofield, Boese, Henry, Fellows, Gray, Farley, Waterbury, Davenport—17.

*Nays*—Perry, Auld, Niven, Lecomte, Ware, Shine, Eager, Roache, Sinclair, Albert Smith, Benedict, Isaac W. Smith, Haskett, Neilson—14.

Mr. PRESIDENT presented his objections to signing checks for the payment of several bills.

On motion—

*Ordered*, That the bill of Henry Allen for certificates, amounting to \$81 08 ; of F. H. Nash, \$2 for tuning and repairing piano ; of Taylor and Glass, \$37 for fuel ; and of Richard Heather, \$46 for fuel, be referred to the Committee on Supplies.

On motion of Mr. LYDECKER—

*Resolved*, That the President and Clerk are hereby authorized to pay the last month's salary of Helen M. Knapp, late Principal of Primary Department of Ward School No. 38.

Mr. PRESIDENT announced the special order ; it being the consideration of the resolutions reported by the Finance Committee. (See pages 82 and 83 of the Journal.)

On motion, the first and second of the said resolutions were read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. TWEED—

*Resolved*, That the further consideration of the third of the said resolutions be postponed until the next stated session of the Board, and that it be made the special order immediately after the third order of business.

Mr. WATERBURY presented the report of the Finance Committee, recommending the adoption of the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the Comptroller of the city be, and he is hereby requested to authorize the City Chamberlain to place in the City Treasury the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars, subject to the drafts of the Board of Education, on and after the 10th day of June, inst.

NELSON J. WATERBURY,	}	Finance Committee.
ALBERT SMITH,		
GEORGE H. CLARK,		
JOHN HOOPER,		
RICHARD C. FELLOWS,		

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. WATERBURY presented the report of the Finance Committee, recommending the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the following sums are hereby appropriated for the expenses of the School system, to wit :

For the salaries of Teachers and Janitors in the Ward and Primary Schools.....	\$40,000
For incidental expenses of the said Schools, including repairs.....	10,000
For books and supplies.....	10,000
For suport of Free Academy.....	10,000
For salaries of Clerks and Superintendents.....	5,000
For incidental expenses of the Board of Education...	5,000

N. J. WATERBURY,	} Finance Committee.
ALBERT SMITH,	
GEORGE H. CLARK,	
JOHN HOOPER,	
RICHARD C. FELLOWS,	

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

*Ayes*—Messrs. Perry, Hooper, Niven, Lecomte, Shine, Tuthill, Eager, Roche, Sinclair, Tweed, Lydecker, Slote, Clark, White, Williams, Mackean, Scofield, Boese, Green, Benedict, Haskett, Henry, Baldwin, Neilson, Gray, Waterbury—26.

Mr. WATERBURY presented the report of the Finance Committee, recommending the adoption of the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the sum of thirteen thousand six hundred and ninety-six dollars is hereby appropriated for the erection and finishing of a new school building on Kingsbridge road and Two Hundred and Sixth street, (Tubby Hook,) in the Twelfth Ward, according to the plans and specifications heretofore approved by this Board; the same to be erected under the direction of the Superintendent of School Buildings, and no payment to be made except upon his certificate; but no part of such money shall be paid until contracts in the usual form, with sureties to be approved by the Finance Committee, for the faith-

ful performance of said contract and against the lien law, shall have been approved by and filed with the Board of Education.

NELSON J. WATERBURY, ALBERT SMITH, GEORGE H. CLARK, JOHN HOOPER, RICHARD C. FELLOWS,	}	Finance Committee.
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Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

*Ayes*—Messrs. Perry, Auld, Hooper, Niven, Lecomte, Ware, Shine, Tuthill, Eager, Roche, Lydecker, Slote, White, Williams, Mackean, Scofield, Boese, Benedict, Isaac W. Smith, Henry, Fellows, Baldwin, Gray, Farley, Waterbury, Davenport—26.

Mr. WATERBURY presented the report of the Finance Committee, with the following resolution annexed :

*Resolved*, That the contracts between the School Officers of the Sixth Ward, of the first part, William B. Rhoades of the second part as principal, and William S. See and William H. Mapes of the third part as sureties, for the masons' work of a new Primary School House in Mott street; and the School Officers of the Twentieth Ward, of the first part, and Cummings H. Tucker of the second part as principal, and William J. Peck and Jacob Loomis of the third part as sureties, for the masons' work of new School House in West Twenty-eighth street, near Ninth avenue; and the School Officers of the Twentieth Ward, of the first part, and Samuel Delamater of the second part as principal, and John Delamater and Thomas Christy of the third part as sureties, for the carpenter's work of the last mentioned house; which contracts are now on file in the Clerk's office, are hereby approved.

NELSON J. WATERBURY, ALBERT SMITH, GEORGE H. CLARK, JOHN HOOPER, RICHARD C. FELLOWS,	}	Finance Committee.
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Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. WATERBURY presented the Report of the Finance Committee, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Trustees of Common Schools for the Eighth Ward are hereby requested to advertise for proposals for furniture for Ward School No. 8, for a period of two weeks previous to the time for opening the said proposals.

NELSON J. WATERBURY,	} Finance Committee.
ALBERT SMITH,	
GEO. H. CLARK,	
JOHN HOOPER,	
RICH. C. FELLOWS,	

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. WATERBURY presented the Report of the Finance Committee, with the following resolution annexed:

*Resolved*, That the salary of the late William H. Renck as Principal of the Ward School No. 7, for the month of November last, be paid to Jacob Raynor, upon the same being properly certified and audited by the School Officers of the Tenth Ward, provided that Mr. Raynor shall previously file with the Clerk of this Board, a bond in form and with such surety as shall be approved by the President of this Board, to indemnify and save harmless the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the city of New York, and every school officer of the said city, from any and all other payments for or on account of said month's salary.

NELSON J. WATERBURY,	} Finance Committee.
RICH. C. FELLOWS,	
ALBERT SMITH,	
JOHN HOOPER,	
GEO. H. CLARK,	

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. WATERBURY presented the report of the Finance Committee, in relation to the bill of Wm. F. Long, with the following resolution annexed:

*Resolved*, That the President and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed, as the payments become due, to sign war-

rants in favor of William F. Long to the amount of seventy-five dollars, for regulating the clocks in the Ward Schools of the Eleventh Ward, in accordance with his contract with the Trustees of that ward.

*Resolved*, That no payments be made to any person for services in winding up and regulating clocks in any of the school buildings of this city, or by virtue of any employment hereafter made, and that the Clerk transmit a copy of this resolution to the Board of Trustees of each ward.

NELSON J. WATERBURY,	} Finance Committee.
ALBERT SMITH,	
GEO. H. CLARK,	
JOHN HOOPER,	
RICH. C. FELLOWS,	

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. WATERBURY presented the report of the Finance Committee, recommending the adoption of the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the course of the President, in declining to sign warrants for the payment of the bills of A. H. Gale & Co., and F. H. Nash for the rent of piano fortes furnished to the Ward Schools of the Twelfth ward, is hereby approved, and that the Finance Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

NELSON J. WATERBURY,	} Finance Committee.
ALBERT SMITH,	
GEO. H. CLARK,	
JOHN HOOPER,	
RICHD. C. FELLOWS,	

Mr. MACKEAN moved to amend the resolution reported by the Committee, by striking out all after the word resolved, an inserting as follows :

That the President and Clerk be authorized to issue a warrant in favor of A. H. Gale & Co. for \$120, F. H. Nash for \$45 for hire of pianos in the Twelfth Ward, the bills for the same having been properly audited by the School Officers of the Twelfth Ward, and being for the four schools in said ward.

Mr. TWEED moved to refer the said amendment to the Committee on School Furniture—Lost.



Mr. TWEED moved to refer the said amendment to the Finance Committee—Lost.

A call of the house being ordered, the following members answered to their names :

*Ayes*—Messrs. Perry, Auld, Hooper, Niven, Lecomte, Shine, Tuthill, Eager, Sinclair, Tweed, Lydecker, Slote, Clark, Williams, Mackean, Scofield, Boese, Green, Isaac W. Smith, Haskett, Henry, Baldwin, Neilson, Gray, Davenport—25.

Mr. TWEED moved to lay the said report on the table—Carried.

Mr. TWEED presented the Report of the Committee on School Furniture, with the following resolution annexed :

*Resolved*.—That the School Officers of the Fourteenth Ward, be and are hereby authorized to advertise for estimates and proposals for furnishing and fitting up Ward School House No. 32, in Baxter street, in the said ward, the work to be done in accordance with the plans and specifications on file in the office of the Clerk of this Board.

WM. M. TWEED,	} Committee.
P. S. HAINES,	
JAMES MACKEAN,	

The PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolution reported by the Committee, and it was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. HASKETT presented the Report of the Committee on the Course of Study and School Books, recommending the adoption of the following by-law :

During the months of January, February, March, April, May, October, November and December, the hour of opening the several Ward Schools shall be 9 A. M., and of closing the same 3 P. M., and during the months of June, July and September, the hour of opening the Schools shall be 8 A. M., and of closing, 2 P. M.

WM. J. HASKETT,	} Committee.
JOHN HOOPER,	
WM. H. NEILSON,	

Mr. DAVENPORT moved to lay said report on the table—Lost.

Mr. PRESIDENT then put the question, whether the Board would agree with the said by-law, and it was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. DAVENPORT presented the report of the Committee on Normal Schools, giving a programme of the annual examination of the classes in the Normal Schools, and recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

*Resolved.*—That the sum of five hundred dollars be, and the same is hereby specially appropriated to defray the expenses of a public "Presentation of Diplomas," to the graduates of the Normal Schools in 1857.

J. DAVENPORT,	} Committee.
JOHN R. LYDECKER,	
WM. B. EAGER, junior,	
WALTER ROCHE,	

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows:

*Ayes*—Perry, Auld, Shine, Tuthill, Eager, Roche, Sinclair, Tweed, Lydecker, Slote, Clark, Williams, Mackean, Scofield, Boese, Isaac W. Smith, Haskett, Henry, Baldwin, Davenport—20.

*Nays*—Hooper, Niven, Green, Neilson—4.

On motion of Mr. Tweed, the report of the Finance Committee in relation to the bills for the hire of pianos for the schools of the Twelfth Ward was taken from the table, together with the proposed amendment of Mr. Mackean.

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the amendment of Mr. Mackean, and it was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the resolution as amended, and it was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. DAVENPORT presented the report of the Committee on Supplies, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:—

*Resolved,* That the President and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to sign the usual warrants for the payment of the following bills for fuel, to wit: P. Brennan, \$25 50; William H. Smith, \$107 19, W. H. Wilson, \$30; Wm. Stammers & Co., \$33 19; Theodore F. Tone, \$13 75; John Johnston, \$21 37;

Michael Connolly, \$19 53; the same having been purchased by the Ward officers under some immediate necessity for so doing, or from misapprehension of the requirements of the Board as to the procuring of fuel.

J. DAVENPORT, THOS. BOESE, GEORGE WHITE, TERENCE FARLEY, DANIEL SLOTE,	}	Committee on Supplies.
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Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. DAVENPORT the rules were suspended, and the report of the Committee on Supplies in relation to gift books was taken from the table. (See Journal of 1856, page 287.)

Mr. TWEED moved that the Board adjourn. Lost.

A call of the house being ordered, the following members answered to their names:

*Ayes.*—Messrs. Perry, Auld, Hooper, Niven, Shine, Tuthill, Eager, Roche, Sinclair, Tweed, Lydecker, Slote, Clark, Williams, Mackean, Scofield, Boese, Green, Isaac W. Smith, Haskett, Henry, Baldwin, Neilson, Davenport—24.

On motion, the said report was laid on the table.

Mr. PRESIDENT laid before the Board communications from A. C. Smith and Jacob Batcheldar in relation to the Duntonian System of Penmanship.

*Ordered,* That said communications be referred to the Committee on School Books.

Mr. PRESIDENT appointed Messrs. Mackean, Fellows, and Scofield, the Special Committee, under the resolution offered by Mr. Mackean. (See page 96 of the Journal.)

On motion of Mr. SINCLAIR, the Board adjourned.

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 1857.**

STATED SESSION.

*Present*—Andrew H. Green, Esq., President, and Commissioners Lecomte, Ware, Shine, Sinclair, Denike, Lydecker, Clark, Mackean, Scofield, Boese, Benedict, I. W. Smith, Haskell, Henry, Baldwin, Neilson, Ranney—18.

*Absent*—Commissioners Perry, Auld, Hooper, Niven, Avery, Tuthill, Eager, Roche, Tweed, Bootman, A. Smith, Haines, Slote, White, Rollins, Williams, Brooker, Burlew, Fellows, Gray, Farley, Waterbury, Monteith, Davenport, Edwards, Kerr—26.

A quorum not being present, the Board adjourned.



## WEDNESDAY, JULY 1, 1857.

### STATED SESSION.

*Present*—Andrew H. Green, Esq., President, and Commissioners Auld, Hooper, Niven, Lecomte, Ware, Shine, Tuthill, Eager, Roche, Sinclair, Denike, Tweed, Bootman, Lydecker, A. Smith, Slote, Clark, White, Williams, Mackean, Brooker, Scofield, Boese, Benedict, I. W. Smith, Baldwin, Neilson, Farley, Gray, Waterbury, Monteith, Ranney, Davenport—34.

*Absent*—Commissioners Perry, Avery, Haines, Rollins, Burlew, Haskett, Henry, Fellows, Edwards, Kerr—10.

The Journal of the last session was read, and on motion of Mr. Waterbury, amended by striking out the word *or* from the seventh line on page 107.

The Journal was approved as amended.

Mr. BENEDICT presented the application of the School Officers of the 15th Ward for repairs and alterations in School House No. 35 in said Ward.

*Ordered*—That the said application be referred to the Committee on Repairs.

Mr. WATERBURY presented a communication from the School Officers of the 20th Ward recommending the adoption of the following resolution, to wit:

*Resolved*, That the by-law in relation to the hours of opening and closing schools, passed June 3, 1857 be amended by adding thereto the following words; *in case the Board of Trustees of the Ward shall so direct.*

Mr. WATERBURY moved that the said communication be referred to a select committee of one with instructions to report the proposed amendment to the said by-law forthwith.

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the said motion, and it was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. PRESIDENT appointed Mr. Waterbury as the said Committee.

**Mr. WATERBURY** as said Committee reported the said amendment to the by-law in obedience to the instructions of the Board.

**Mr. WHITE** moved to substitute for the Report of the Committee, the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the By-Law of the Board in relation to the hours of opening and closing the schools, on page 108 of the Journal be, and the same is, hereby repealed.

**Mr. DAVENPORT** moved that the further consideration of the subject be postponed until the first of September next. *Lost*.

**Mr. BROOKER** moved that the whole subject be laid on the table. *Lost*.

**Mr. PRESIDENT** put the question whether the Board would agree with the motion of Mr. White, and it was decided in the affirmative.

**Mr. PRESIDENT** put the question whether the Board would agree with the resolution of Mr. White and it was decided in the affirmative.

**Mr. NEILSON** moved to reconsider the last vote. *Lost*.

**Mr. BOOTMAN** presented a communication from the School Officers of the 8th Ward in relation to refurnishing W. S. No. 8, with the following resolution annexed.

*Resolved*, That the sum of \$3,044 be and the same is hereby appropriated to furnish with desks, chairs, settees, &c., Grammar School, No. 8 in the Eighth Ward, according to the plans and specifications on file in the office of the Clerk of the Board of Education, the work to be performed under the direction of the Superintendent of School Buildings, but no part of the money to be paid, until the said work has been completed to the satisfaction of the School officers of the Eighth Ward, and the Superintendent of School Buildings, whose certificate to that effect must be filed in the Clerk's office.

**Mr. NEILSON** moved to refer the said communication to the Finance Committee. *Lost*.

**Mr. PRESIDENT** put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

*Ayes*—Messrs. Auld, Lecomte, Ware, Shine, Tuthill, Eager, Roche, Sinclair, Denike, Tweed, Bootman, Lydecker, A. Smith, Slote, Clark, White, Williams, Mackean, Brooker, Scofield, Boese, I. W. Smith, Baldwin, Farley, Waterbury, Ranney—26.

*Nays*—Messrs. Neilson, Monteith, Davenport—3.

Mr. BOESE presented a communication from the School Officers of the Fourteenth Ward, submitting the proposals for re-furnishing the school-house in Baxter street, with the following resolution annexed :

*Resolved*, That two thousand seven hundred nineteen  $\frac{7}{8}$  dollars be appropriated for the fitting up of Ward School No. 32 in Baxter street, in accordance with the plans and specifications on file in the office of the Clerk of the Board.

Mr. DAVENPORT moved to refer the said communication, with the accompanying papers, to the Finance Committee. Lost.

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

*Ayes*—Messrs. Auld, Lecomte, Ware, Shine, Tuthill, Eager, Roche, Sinclair, Denike, Tweed, Bootman, Lydecker, A. Smith, Slote, Clark, White, Williams, Mackean, Scofield, Boese, I. W. Smith, Farley, Waterbury—23.

*Nays*—Messrs. Hooper, Neilson, Monteith, Davenport—4.

Mr. SHINE presented a communication from the School Officers of the Fourth Ward, in relation to leasing the Friends' Meeting-house in Rose street, near Pearl, for school purposes, with the following resolution annexed :

*Resolved*, That the School Officers of the Fourth Ward be authorized to hire, for the term of one year, the Quaker Meeting-house in Rose street, as a temporary location for School No. 26, and the same be fitted up by them for said purpose, at an expense not exceeding \$300.

On motion of Mr. BENEDICT, the above resolution was amended, so as to read as follows :

*Resolved*, That the School Officers of the Fourth Ward be authorized to hire, for the term of one year, the Friends' Meeting-house in Rose street, as a temporary location for School No. 26, at a rent not exceeding \$3000 per annum, and the fitting up the same for said purpose, already made, not exceeding \$300, to be approved by this Board. In case the occupation of the building is disturbed by proceedings for opening Chambers street, the rent shall cease, and it shall be so provided in any lease or agreement that may be made for said building.

Mr. TWEED moved the previous question, which was seconded by the Board, as follows :



*Ayes*—Messrs. Auld, Hooper, Niven, Lecomte, Ware, Shine, Roche, Denike, Tweed, Bootman, Lydecker, A. Smith, Slote, Clark, White, Brooker, Boese, I. W. Smith, Farley, Waterbury—20.

*Nays*—Messrs. Tuthill, Eager, Williams, Mackean, Scofield, Green, Baldwin, Neilson, Davenport—9.

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolution, as amended, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows:

*Ayes*—Messrs. Auld, Hooper, Niven, Ware, Shine, Eager, Roche, Sinclair, Denike, Tweed, Bootman, Slote, Clark, White, Williams, Mackean, Brooker, Scofield, Boese, Green, Benedict, I. W. Smith, Baldwin, Farley, Waterbury—25.

*Nays*—Messrs. Tuthill, Neilson, Ranney, Davenport—4.

Mr. SCOFIELD presented a communication from the School Officers of the 13th Ward, nominating Peter Mitchell as Trustee of Common Schools in said Ward to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Jacob M. Vreeland.

*Ordered*, That the said communication be referred to the Committee on Elections and Qualifications.

Mr. A. SMITH presented a communication from the School Officers of the 9th Ward in relation to closing Primary School Nos. 31, and 32, in said Ward.

On motion of Mr. WATERBURY—

*Ordered*, That the School Officers of the 9th Ward have leave to close the said schools for one year.

Mr. ROCHE presented a communication from the School Officers of the Sixth Ward, in relation to the heating apparatus for the new school house in said Ward.

*Ordered*, That said communication be referred to the Committee on Warming and Ventilation.

Mr. MACKEAN presented a communication from the School Officers of the 12th Ward, in relation to supplying the schools of the said Ward with fuel.

*Ordered*, That the said communication be referred to the Committee on Supplies.

Mr. PRESIDENT laid before the Board the monthly Report of the City Superintendent of Schools.

*Ordered*, That the said Report be laid on the table and printed.

Mr. PRESIDENT laid before the Board a communication from the Trustees of the Rutgers Female Institute, inviting the Board to attend the 18th Annual Commencement of said Institution to be held in the Rutgers street church, on the 2d of July next, at 2 o'clock, P.M.

On motion, said invitation was accepted.

Mr. PRESIDENT laid before the Board communications from Moses Taylor, John Anthon, and others, in relation to the study of the Spanish Language in the Free Academy.

*Ordered*, That the said communications be laid on the table.

Mr. TUTHILL presented a communication from Mrs. Anna Seixas, in relation to the payment of interest on property purchased of her for school site in the 5th Ward.

*Ordered*, That the said communication be referred to the Finance Committee.

Mr. WILLIAMS, from the Executive Committee on the Free Academy presented the following communication from Augustus H. Ward, Esq. :

14 WASHINGTON PLACE, }  
New York, June 30, 1857. }

ANDREW H. GREEN, Esq.,

President of the Board of Education :

Dear Sir,—I beg leave to offer the herein mentioned money prizes to the recipients of the following Medals at the Commencement of the Free Academy, in July, viz :

The Pell Medal, established in 1849.

The Burr “ “ 1850.

The Cromwell “ “ 1850.

The Twenty (20) Ward Medals 1853, a half Eagle for each Medal, and in addition to the recipient of the next highest number of Medals, a Double Eagle.

And to the recipient of the highest number of medals in addition to the Half Eagles of each, a prize of five (5) Double Eagles. Should there be two or more equal claimants for one or both of the two higher prizes, the same to be equally divided between them.

With my best wishes for the continued prosperity, &c., of our public education, I am your very humble servant,

AUGUSTUS H. WARD.

Mr. WATERBURY presented the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the third resolution reported by the Finance Committee, relative to salaries of teachers and janitors, (page 83 of the journal) be referred to the Committee on Salaries and Offices, with instructions to report a plan for limiting the payments of salaries of teachers and janitors, and that until the report of that Committee is made and finally acted upon, no larger payments be made for any month, on account of the salaries of teachers and janitors, in any Ward, than the amount allowed by said resolution, or the largest amount paid for said Ward during any past month of the present year.

On motion—

*Ordered*, That the said resolution be laid on the table, and that the subject embraced therein be made the special order at the next meeting of the Board, immediately after the third order of business.

Mr. WILLIAMS presented the Report of the Executive Committee on the Free Academy, recommending the re-organization of the studies of that institution.

A. V. WILLIAMS,	} Executive Committee on Free Academy.
S. BALDWIN,	
RICHD. C. FELLOWS,	
L. RANNEY,	
WM. M. TWEED,	
JAMES M. TUTHILL,	
THOS. BOESE,	

*Ordered*, That said Report be laid on the table and printed.

Mr. MONTEITH presented the Report of the Committee on Warming and Ventilation, recommending the adoption of the following resolution :

*Resolved*—That the sum of twelve hundred and ten dollars is hereby appropriated to pay for flues, registers, and ventilating boxes, &c., and for gas pipes and fixtures for Ward School No. 51, in West Twenty-Eighth street, and that the School Officers of the Twentieth Ward be authorized to contract with Thomas Harrison for heating said school upon the terms and conditions contained in his proposal.

WM. MONTEITH,	} Committee on Warming and Ventilation.
JAMES MACKEAN,	
GEO. H. CLARK,	

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would

agree with the said resolution reported by the Committee, and it was decided in the affirmative as follows :

*Ayes*—Messrs. Auld, Hooper, Niven, Tuthill, Roche, Sinclair, Denike, Lydecker, A. Smith, Slote, Clark, White, Williams, Mackean, Brooker, Scofield, Boese, Green, I. W. Smith, Neilson, Farley, Waterbury, Ranney—23.

Mr. MONTEITH presented the Report of the Committee on Warming and Ventilation, recommending the adoption of the following resolution :

*Resolved*,—That the sum of one thousand six hundred and seventy dollars be, and the same is, hereby appropriated to pay for the furnaces furnished in Ward School No. 20, the same having been done according to the terms of the contract on file in the Clerk's office, and to the entire satisfaction of the School Officers of the Tenth Ward ; and that the President and Clerk are hereby authorized to issue a warrant in favor of Mr. E. Barrow for said amount.

GEO. H. CLARK,	} Committee on
JAMES MACKEAN,	
WM. MONTEITH,	
WM. H. AVERY,	
	} Warming and
	} Ventilation.

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative.

*Ayes*—Messrs. Auld, Hooper, Niven, Tuthill, Roche, Sinclair, Denike, Lydecker, A. Smith, Slote, Clark, White, Williams, Mackean, Brooker, Scofield, Boese, Baldwin, Neilson, Farley, Waterbury, Ranney—22.

*Nay*—Mr. Green—1.

Mr. PRESIDENT presented his objections to signing checks for the payment of several bills.

On motion—

*Ordered*, That the bill of S. Curtis, Jr., for drawing plans for Ward School No. 20, Tenth Ward, amounting to \$30, ; of Tracy, Powers and Tallmadge for legal opinion in case of Ward School, No. 6 in Twelfth Ward, \$50, be referred to the Finance Committee ; and that the bill of John Johnston for fuel in Twelfth Ward amounting to \$5,50 ; of John Johnston for fuel in Nineteenth Ward, \$19,25 ; of Gaylor and Lockwell, fuel in Twelfth Ward, \$21 75 ; of A. Miller & Co., fuel, Nineteenth Ward, \$25 18 ; of D. Vores, fuel, Ninth Ward, \$37 63 ; of J.

Mr. WILLIAMS offered the following preamble and resolution, which were unanimously adopted :

*WHEREAS*, The Money Prizes heretofore so liberally bestowed by Augustus H. Ward, Esq., have had a beneficial tendency in animating the students of the Free Academy in the pursuit of knowledge, therefore,

*Resolved*, That the renewed liberal proposition of Mr. Ward is accepted, and that the President be requested to communicate to Mr. Ward the high appreciation entertained by the Board of Education, of his munificence in promoting the cause of education, and that the same be duly authenticated.

Mr. PRESIDENT laid before the Board the Certificate of the Counsel to the Corporation, that the title of the school site in Fourth street, near Avenue C., had been vested in the city of New York.

On motion of Mr. WHITE—

*Resolved*, That the President and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to sign a warrant for the amount appropriated on the 17th day of December, 1856, for the purchase of a school site on the North side of Fourth street between Avenues B. and C. in the Eleventh Ward, the Counsel to the Corporation having given the required certificate that the title to the said premises is vested in the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the city of New York.

Mr. PRESIDENT laid before the Board a communication from Mrs. James M. Halstead and others, in relation to the Industrial School, located near Forty-third street and Tenth avenue.

*Ordered*, That said communication be referred to the Committee on Supplies.

Mr. PRESIDENT laid before the Board the lease from the Yorkville Public School Society, of the property on Eighty-sixth street, near Fourth avenue, and stated that a claim which amounted to several hundred dollars, had been presented for payment, as the assessment on said property, for the opening of the Central Park.

On motion,—

*Ordered*, That said matter be referred to the Finance Committee.

Mr. PRESIDENT laid before the Board a communication from Myron Finch, Esq., offering himself as a candidate for the

office of Deputy Clerk of the Board, in place of Wm. Oland Bourne, resigned

On motion of Mr. DENIKE, the Rules of Order were suspended, and the Board proceeded to elect a person to fill the said vacancy.

Messrs. Denike and Lecomte were appointed tellers.

#### FIRST BALLOT.

The tellers reported the whole number of votes received, 28.

Of which Myron Finch received.....	25
“ John Wilson “ .....	2
“ John Clark “ .....	1
—	28

Mr. PRESIDENT declared that Myron Finch was duly elected Deputy Clerk of the Board of Education.

On motion of Mr. BOESE—

*Resolved*, That the annual salary of the Deputy Clerk and the Financial Clerk of this Board, be fifteen hundred dollars (\$1500) each, respectively, and that the Auditing Committee be directed to audit the monthly pay roll of the above named officers of the Board, for June, at that rate.

On motion of Mr. NEILSON—

*Resolved*, That the expediency of closing the Depository of this Board, so far as relates to the accumulation of text books, be referred to the Committee on Supplies.

On motion of Mr. NEILSON—

*Resolved*, That the Clerk be directed to have a copy of the Annual Report of the Board of Education for 1856 upon his desk at the next meeting of the Board, for the perusal of the members.

Mr. BROOKER offered the following resolution, which was referred to the Finance Committee:

*Resolved*, That the sum of one hundred and seventy-one <sup>34</sup>/<sub>100</sub> dollars be, and is hereby appropriated to pay the bill of Watson & Hawes for extra mason work on School Building No. 34 on Broome street, in the Thirteenth Ward, the same having been certified as correct by the School Officers of said ward, and A. Macvey, Superintendent of School Buildings.

Mr. WATERBURY presented the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the third resolution reported by the Finance Committee, relative to salaries of teachers and janitors, (page 83 of the journal) be referred to the Committee on Salaries and Offices, with instructions to report a plan for limiting the payments of salaries of teachers and janitors, and that until the report of that Committee is made and finally acted upon, no larger payments be made for any month, on account of the salaries of teachers and janitors, in any Ward, than the amount allowed by said resolution, or the largest amount paid for said Ward during any past month of the present year.

On motion—

*Ordered*, That the said resolution be laid on the table, and that the subject embraced therein be made the special order at the next meeting of the Board, immediately after the third order of business.

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S. BALDWIN,	
RICHD. C. FELLOWS,	
L. RANNEY,	
WM. M. TWEED,	
JAMES M. TUTHILL,	
THOS. BOESE,	

*Ordered*, That said Report be laid on the table and printed.

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*Resolved*—That the sum of twelve hundred and ten dollars is hereby appropriated to pay for flues, registers, and ventilating boxes, &c., and for gas pipes and fixtures for Ward School No. 51, in West Twenty-Eighth street, and that the School Officers of the Twentieth Ward be authorized to contract with Thomas Harrison for heating said school upon the terms and conditions contained in his proposal.

WM. MONTEITH,	} Committee on Warming and Ventilation.
JAMES MACKEAN,	
GEO. H. CLARK,	

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would

agree with the said resolution reported by the Committee, and it was decided in the affirmative as follows :

*Ayes*—Messrs. Auld, Hooper, Niven, Tuthill, Roche, Sinclair, Denike, Lydecker, A. Smith, Slote, Clark, White, Williams, Mackean, Brooker, Scofield, Boese, Green, I. W. Smith, Neilson, Farley, Waterbury, Ranney—23.

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GEO. H. CLARK,	} Committee on
JAMES MACKEAN,	
WM. MONTEITH,	
WM. H. AVERY,	
	} Warming and
	} Ventilation.

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative.

*Ayes*—Messrs. Auld, Hooper, Niven, Tuthill, Roche, Sinclair, Denike, Lydecker, A. Smith, Slote, Clark, White, Williams, Mackean, Brooker, Scofield, Boese, Baldwin, Neilson, Farley, Waterbury, Ranney—22.

*Nay*—Mr. Green—1.

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On motion—

*Ordered*, That the bill of S. Curtis, Jr., for drawing plans for Ward School No. 20, Tenth Ward, amounting to \$30, ; of Tracy, Powers and Tallmadge for legal opinion in case of Ward School, No. 6 in Twelfth Ward, \$50, be referred to the Finance Committee ; and that the bill of John Johnston for fuel in Twelfth Ward amounting to \$5,50 ; of John Johnston for fuel in Nineteenth Ward, \$19,25 ; of Gaylor and Lockwell, fuel in Twelfth Ward, \$21 75 ; of A. Miller & Co., fuel, Nineteenth Ward, \$25 18 ; of D. Vores, fuel, Ninth Ward, \$37 63 ; of J.



McDonald, fuel, Sixteenth Ward, \$154; of Ivison & Phinney, supplies, \$10; of Francis & Loutrel, supplies, \$18; and C. Shepard & Co., supplies, \$21 90, be referred to the Committee on Supplies.

A call of the House being ordered the following members answered to their names:

Messrs. Auld, Hooper, Niven, Lecomte, Tuthill, Lydecker, A. Smith, Slote, Clark, White, Williams, Mackean, Brooker, Scofield, Boese, Green, Baldwin, Neilson, Farley, Waterbury, Ranney, Davenport—22.

A quorum not being present, the Board adjourned.

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, 1857.

### STATED SESSION.

*Present*—Andrew H. Green, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hooper, Leconte, Shine, Tuthill, Eager, Roche, Sinclair, Denike, Lydecker, A. Smith, Slote, Clark, White, Williams, Mackean, Brooker, Scofield, Boese, I. W. Smith, Haskett, Henry, Fellows, Baldwin, Neilson, Gray, Farley, Waterbury, Ranney, Davenport—30.

*Absent*—Commissioners Perry, Auld, Nevin, Avery, Ware, Tweed, Bootman, Haines, Rollins, Burlew, Benedict, Monteith, Edwards, Kerr—14.

The Journal of the last session was read and approved.

Mr. I. W. SMITH presented the application of the School Officers of the Sixteenth Ward, asking authority to advertise for two additional wings to Ward School No. 45, in said ward, with the following resolution annexed :

*Resolved*, That the School Officers of the Sixteenth Ward be, and they are hereby authorized to advertise for proposals for building two additional wings to Ward School No. 45, in conformity with plans and specifications on file in the office of the Clerk of the Board of Education.

*Ordered*, That said application be referred to the Committee on Repairs.

Mr. WATERBURY presented a communication from the School Officers of the Twentieth Ward, asking an appropriation of \$587 15, to pay architects' charges and other expenses connected with the erection of Ward School No. 51.

*Ordered,* That said communication be referred to the Finance Committee.

Mr. WATERBURY presented a communication from the School Officers of the Twentieth Ward, asking authority to make certain alterations in Primary Department of Ward School No. 48 in said ward.

*Ordered,* That said communication be referred to the Committee on Repairs.

Mr. MACKEAN presented a communication from the School Officers of the Twelfth Ward, asking permission to advertise for proposals to furnish Ward School No. 39 in said ward.

*Ordered,* That said communication be referred to the Committee on School Furniture.

Mr. DENIKE presented a communication from the School Officers of the Seventh Ward, nominating James Murphy, as Trustee of said ward, in place of Thomas Williams, Jr., resigned.

*Ordered,* That said communication be referred to the Committee on Elections and Qualifications.

Mr. PRESIDENT presented a communication from Henry P. Tappan, Esq., President of the "American Association for the Advancement of Education," inviting the members of the Board to attend the annual meeting of said Association, to be held at the city of Albany on the first Tuesday in August next.

*Ordered,* That said invitation be accepted.

Mr. PRESIDENT presented a communication from David B. Kerr, tendering his resignation as Commissioner of Common Schools in the Twenty-second Ward.

*Ordered,* That said communication be placed on file.

Mr. WATERBURY moved that the resolution on page 120 of the Journal, respecting the salaries of teachers, be taken up and adopted.

Mr. NEILSON moved that the subject be laid on the table. Carried.

Mr. WILLIAMS presented the report of the Executive Committee on the Free Academy, recommending the adoption of the following report, and also the following resolutions :

FREE ACADEMY, July 15th, 1857.

TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK :

GENTLEMEN,—The Faculty of the New York Free Academy, at a meeting held this day, after having maturely examined each individual case, respectfully submit, that the following named undergraduates, having pursued with credit to themselves, and satisfaction to us, the full course of study necessary for the academical degree of Bachelor of Arts, and having passed the requisite examination which entitles them thereto, do hereby declare them eligible to the said degree, and by virtue of our office recommend them accordingly to your honorable body, for you to confer the same upon them at our Annual Commencement, viz.:—Cleveland Abbe, Jared Starr Babcock, Wells Tanner Banning, Joseph William Bell, Smith Bloomfield, Theodore Charles Brush, James Austin Church, William Miller Denman, David Green Fanning, Samuel Nelson Fisk, George Elias Hawes, Samuel Gould Raymond Jelliffe, Charles Henry Kitchell, Patrick McMullen, Samuel Maxwell, Jr., Oscar Myers, John Sinclair Roberts.

The Faculty also recommend to your honorable body Nathan Solomon, Sylvester Van Deusen, George West Van Siclen, Adolph Werner, as proper candidates for the degree of Bachelor of Sciences.

The Faculty also take pleasure in recommending to your honorable body to confer the degree of Master of Arts upon the following named graduates of three years' standing, they having given to the Faculty evidence that they have prosecuted some branches of literature and science during this time, viz.:—Joseph Anderson, Edmund Belfour, Edward Tanjore Corwin, John McLachlan Forbes, Rodney Glentworth Kimball, James Andrew Little, Jr., George Nixon, George Edward Post, Elijah Ward, Robert Fulton Weir, Charles Belden White, Edward King Wightman.

The Faculty also recommend to your honorable body Eugene Douglass and George White, as proper candidates for the degree of Master of Sciences.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

HORACE WEBSTER,

President of the Faculty.

*G. B. DOCHARTY, Secretary.*

*Resolved*, That in accordance with the recommendation of the Faculty of the Free Academy, the degree of Bachelor of Arts is hereby conferred on Cleveland Abbe, Jared Starr Babcock, Wells Tanner Banning, Joseph William Bell, Smith Bloomfield, James Austin Church, William Miller Denman, David Greene Fanning, Samuel Nelson Fisk, George Elias Hawes, Samuel Gould Raymond Jelliffe, Charles Henry Kitchell, Patrick McMullen, Samuel Maxwell, Jr., Oscar Myers, John Sinclair Roberts, Sylvester Van Deusen.

*Resolved*, That the degree of Bachelor of Sciences is hereby conferred on Charles Theodore Brush, Julius Harris Ranney, James Lyman Van Buren, Nathan Solomon, George West Van Siclen, Adolph Werner, Everett Pepperill Wheeler.

*Resolved*, That the degree of Master of Arts is hereby conferred on Joseph Anderson, Edmund Belfour, Edward Tanjore Corwin, John McLachlan Forbes, Rodney Glenworth Kimball, James Andrew Little, Jr., George Nixon, George Edward Post, Elijah Ward, Robert Fulton Weir, Charles Belden White, Edward King Wightman.

*Resolved*, That the degree of Master of Sciences is hereby conferred on Eugene Douglass and George White, Jr.

*Resolved*, That the degrees now conferred be announced by the President of the Faculty of the Free Academy, on Commencement day.

*Resolved*, That the Session of the Free Academy, after next Commencement, shall commence on Tuesday, September 15th, 1857.

A. V. WILLIAMS,	} Executive Committee on Free Academy.
L. RANNEY,	
S. BALDWIN,	
JAMES M. TUTHILL,	
THOS. BOESE,	
RICH. C. FELLOWS,	

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolutions, and it was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. DENIKE presented a report from the Committee on Repairs, with the following resolution annexed :

*Resolved*, That the School Officers of the Fifth Ward be and

they are hereby authorized to advertise for proposals for painting the interior of Ward School No. 44, in said ward, at an expense not exceeding eight hundred dollars; the same to be done in conformity with the law and by-laws of this Board, and according to the specifications on file in the Clerk's office.

ABRAHAM DENIKE, } Committee  
W. M. B. EAGER, Jr., } on Repairs.  
WALTER ROCHE,

Mr. TUTHILL moved to amend the foregoing resolution, by striking out all after the word *Resolved*, and inserting as follows:—

That the sum of eight hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated to paint Ward School No. 44, in the Fifth Ward, according to the plans and specifications on file with the Clerk of the Board; but no portion of such money shall be paid until the School Officers shall have filed with the Clerk of this Board the contract, with such surety as shall be satisfactory to the Finance Committee; and the said work shall be done under the superintendence of the Superintendent of School Buildings, and the certificate of said Superintendent must be filed, before the payment of any instalment.

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with said motion, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows:

*Ayes*—Messrs. Tuthill, Eager, Roche, Denike, Lydecker, A. Smith, White, Williams, Mackean, Brooker, Scofield, Boese, Green, Haskett, Fellows, Baldwin, Neilson, Gray, Farley, Waterbury, Ranney, Davenport—22.

*Nays*—Messrs. Shine, Sinclair, I. W. Smith—3.

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the resolution as amended, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows:

*Ayes*—Messrs. Hooper, Lecomte, Shine, Tuthill, Eager, Roche, Sinclair, Denike, Lydecker, A. Smith, White, Williams, Mackean, Brooker, Scofield, Boese, Green, Haskett, Henry, Fellows, Baldwin, Neilson, Gray, Farley, Waterbury, Davenport—26.

*Nays*—I. W. Smith, Ranney—2.

Mr. DENIKE presented the report of the Committee on Repairs, with the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the School Officers of the Fifteenth Ward be, and they are hereby authorized to alter and repair W. S. No. 35, in said Ward, according to the plans drawn and submitted by A. Macvey, Superintendent of School Buildings; said alterations and repairs not to exceed the amount of \$2200.

ABRAHAM DENIKE,	} Committee
WM. B. EAGER, Jr.,	
WALTER ROCHE,	
	on
	Repairs.

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

*Ayes*—Messrs. Hooper, Lecomte, Shine, Roche, Sinclair, Denike, Lydecker, A. Smith, White, Williams, Mackean, Brooker, Scofield, I. W. Smith, Haskett, Henry, Fellows, Baldwin, Neilson, Gray, Farley, Waterbury, Ranney, Davenport—24.

Mr. MACKEAN presented the report of the Committee on Warming and Ventilation, recommending for adoption the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the sum of twelve hundred dollars be appropriated to pay for heaters, supplied by Stillman, Allen & Co., for Ward School No. 48, and that the President and Clerk of this Board are hereby authorized and directed to sign a warrant for the payment to Stillman, Allen & Co. of that amount; and of the sum of twenty-three hundred and ninety dollars, appropriated on the first day of April, 1857.

WM. MONTEITH,	} Committee
JAMES MACKEAN,	
GEO. H. CLARK,	
	on Warming and
	Ventilation.

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

*Ayes*—Messrs. Hooper, Lecomte, Tuthill, Sinclair, Denike, Lydecker, A. Smith, White, Williams, Mackean, Brooker, Scofield, Green, I. W. Smith, Haskett, Henry, Fellows, Baldwin, Neilson, Gray, Farley, Waterbury, Ranney, Davenport—24.

Mr. MACKEAN presented the report from the Committee on Warming and Ventilation, with the following resolution annexed :

*Resolved*, That the sum of two thousand and twenty-four dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated to pay for heating and ventilating apparatus for Ward School No. 34, and that the President and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign a warrant in favor of Ingals & Case for the payment of that amount to them, upon the usual vouchers, and upon their signing a certificate that such payment is in full of all claims and demands for furnishing and setting apparatus to warm and ventilate said School-house.

WM. MONTEITH,	} Committee on
GEO. H. CLARK,	
JAMES MACKEAN,	
	} Warming and
	} Ventilation.

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows:

*Ayes*—Hooper, Lecomte, Tuthill, Sinclair, Denike, Lydecker, A. Smith, Slote, Clark, White, Williams, Mackean, Brooker, Scofield, Boese, I. W. Smith, Haskett, Henry, Fellows, Baldwin, Neilson, Gray, Farley, Waterbury, Davenport—26.

*Nays*—Green—1.

Mr. LYDECKER presented the report of the Auditing Committee, with the following resolution annexed:

*Resolved*, That the President and Clerk be authorized to issue their warrant in favor of Wm. Oland Bourne, for one hundred and twenty-five dollars, amount of one month's salary to June 1, 1857.

JOHN R. LYDECKER,	} Auditing
P. S. HAINES,	
J. F. HENRY,	
J. DAVENPORT,	
JAMES MACKEAN,	
	} Committee.

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. DAVENPORT presented the Quarterly Report of the Executive Committee on Normal Schools, containing the names and grades of the Normal School pupils.

*Ordered*, That said Report be laid on the table, and printed. [See Document No. 15.]

Mr. WATERBURY presented a report from the Finance Committee with the following resolution:



*Resolved*, That the following sums are hereby appropriated out of the School moneys of 1857, for the purposes herein named, to wit :

For salaries of Teachers and Janitors in the Ward and Primary Schools.....	\$140,000 00
For incidental expenses of said Schools, including current repairs and fuel.....	15,000 00
For Books, Stationery, and other supplies for said Schools.....	10,000 00
For repairs through the shop .....	5,000 00
For incidental expenses of the Board of Education, including printing, &c.....	3,000 00
For salaries of Officers of the Board of Education	5,000 00
For support of Free Academy.....	15,000 00
For repairs of Free Academy.....	1,000 00
For support of Normal Schools .....	3,000 00
For rent of premises occupied for School purposes.....	3,000 00
For balance of apportionment to Corporate Schools .....	14,346 14

NELSON J. WATERBURY, GEORGE H. CLARK, JOHN HOOPER, RICHD. C. FELLOWS, ALBERT SMITH,	} Finance Committee.
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Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

*Ayes*—Hooper, Lecomte, Shine, Tuthill, Sinclair, Denike, Lydecker, A. Smith, Slote, White, Williams, Mackean, Brooker, Scofield, Boese, Green, I. A. Smith, Haskett, Henry, Fellows, Baldwin, Neilson, Gray, Farley, Waterbury, Ranney, Davenport—27.

Mr. WATERBURY presented a report from the Finance Committee, with the following resolution annexed :

*Resolved*, That the Comptroller of the city be and he is hereby requested to authorize the City Chamberlain to place in the City Treasury the sum of one hundred thousand dollars, subject to the drafts of the Board of Education, on and after the 16th day of July ; and the further sum of one hundred and fourteen thousand three hundred and forty-six  $\frac{1}{10}$  dollars, subject to the drafts of the Board of Education, on and after the first day of August next.

NELSON J. WATERBURY, GEORGE H. CLARK, JOHN HOOPER, ALBERT SMITH, RICHARD C. FELLOWS,	} Finance Committee.
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Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. WATERBURY presented the report of the Finance Committee, offering for adoption the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the sum of one hundred and seventy-one  $1\frac{1}{2}$  dollars is hereby appropriated for the payment of the bill of Watson & Haws for extra work on Ward School No. 34.

NELSON J. WATERBURY,	} Finance Committee.
RICHARD C. FELLOWS,	
GEORGE H. CLARK,	
ALBERT SMITH,	
JOHN HOOPER,	

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agreed with the said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

*Ayes*—Hooper, Lecomte, Shine, Tuthill, Sinclair, Denike, Lydecker, A. Smith, Slote, White, Williams, Mackean, Brooker, Scofield, Boese, Green, I. W. Smith, Haskett, Henry, Fellows, Baldwin, Neilson, Gray, Farley, Waterbury, Davenport—26.

Mr. WATERBURY presented the report of the Finance Committee, on the application of the School Officers of the Ninth Ward, for power to make additions to Ward School No. 41, in said ward, offering the following resolution for adoption :

*Resolved*, That the sum of fifteen hundred and sixty-two dollars is hereby appropriated for the purpose of making additions to Ward School No. 41, in Greenwich avenue, in the Ninth Ward, according to specifications heretofore submitted to this Board; the work to be done under the direction of the Superintendent of School Buildings, and no payment to be made except upon his certificate, and no part of such money shall be paid except in pursuance of a contract in the usual form, with sureties for the faithful performance of the said contract, and against the lien law, to be approved by the Finance Committee, which contract shall also have been approved by, and filed with, the Board of Education.

NELSON J. WATERBURY,	} Finance Committee.
RICHD. C. FELLOWS,	
GEO. H. CLARK,	
ALBERT SMITH,	

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

*Ayes* — Messrs. Hooper, Lecomte, Shine, Tuthill, Sinclair, Denike, Lydecker, A. Smith, Slote, White, Williams, Mackean, Brooker, Scofield, Boese, I. W. Smith, Haskett, Henry, Fellows, Baldwin, Neilson, Gray, Farley, Waterbury, Davenport—25.

Mr. WATERBURY presented the report of the Finance Committee, on the application of the School Officers of the Eleventh Ward, for an appropriation to build a new Primary School in said ward, with the following resolution annexed :

*Resolved*, That the sum of sixteen thousand three hundred and ninety-two dollars is hereby appropriated for the purpose of erecting and furnishing a new Primary School building, in Fourth street, near Avenue C, in the Eleventh Ward, according to plans and specifications heretofore submitted to this Board, under contracts to be made with William B. Rhoades, for the masons' work, and John Gallier, for the carpenters' work ; the same to be erected under the direction of the Superintendent of School Buildings, and no payment to be made except upon his certificate ; but no part of such money shall be paid except in pursuance of a contract in the usual form, with sureties for the faithful performance of said contract, and against the lien law, to be approved by the Finance Committee which contract shall have also been approved by and filed with the Board of Education.

NELSON J. WATERBURY,	} Finance Committee.
RICHD. C. FELLOWS,	
GEO. H. CLARK,	
ALBERT SMITH,	
JOHN HOOPER,	

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

*Ayes* — Messrs. Hooper, Lecomte, Shine, Tuthill, Sinclair, Denike, Lydecker, A. Smith, Slote, White, Williams, Mackean, Brooker, Scofield, Boese, I. W. Smith, Henry, Fellows, Neilson, Gray, Farley, Waterbury, Ranney—23.

*Nays*—Mr. Baldwin—1.

Mr. WATERBURY presented the report of the Finance Com-

mittee, on contracts between certain School Officers and other parties, offering the following resolution for adoption :

*Resolved*, That the contracts between the School Officers of the Twelfth Ward of the first part, Henry W. Taylor of the second part as principal, and Louis P. Belloni and Marcellus Eells of the third part, as sureties for carpenter work and materials for Ward School No. 39, in One hundred and twenty-fifth street; and between the School Officers of the Fourteenth Ward of the first part, Thomas Hassett of the second part as principal, and John J. Kelly and Patrick McIlroy of the third part, as sureties, for mason work and materials for Ward School No. 32, in Baxter street; and between the School Officers of the Fourteenth Ward of the first part, R. Calrow, Junior, of the second part, as principal, and Abner Osborne and Preston Sheldon of the third part, as sureties for carpenter work and materials for Ward School No. 32, in Baxter street, which contracts are now on file in the clerk's office, are hereby approved.

NELSON J. WATERBURY,	} Finance Committee.
JOHN HOOPER,	
GEORGE H. CLARK,	
ALBERT SMITH,	
RICHD. C. FELLOWS,	

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. NEILSON presented the report of the Committee on New Schools, on the application of the School Officers of the Tenth Ward, for authority to make certain changes in the schools of said ward, with the following resolution annexed :

*Resolved*, That permission be, and the same is hereby granted, to the School Officers of the Tenth Ward, on completion of their new school building, in Christie street, to remove Primary Schools numbers 1 and 4, in said ward, now kept in hired premises, to Ward School now known as No. 20, in Ludlow street; the necessary fitting up of said school building for such purposes to be done at the expense of this Board, under the direction of the Committee on Repairs.

WM. H. NEILSON,	} Committee on New Schools.
S. BALDWIN,	
GEO. H. CLARK,	
V. N. LECOMTE,	
A. V. WILLIAMS,	

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

*Ayes*—Messrs. Hooper, Lecompte, Shine, Tuthill, Sinclair, Denike, Lydecker, A. Smith, Slote, White, Williams, Mackean, Brooker, Scofield, I. W. Smith, Henry, Fellows, Baldwin, Neilson, Gray, Farley, Waterbury, Ranney—23.

Mr. WATERBURY presented the report of the Finance Committee in relation to contracts between certain School Officers and other parties, with the following resolution annexed :

*Resolved*, That the contracts between the School Officers of the Seveventh Ward of the first part, M. J. Newman of the second part, and James Moore and Thomas Drummond of the third part, for carpenters' work and materials for Ward School No. 31, in Monroe street ; and between the School Officers of the Twentieth Ward of the first part, Alexander Murray of the second part, and John Bloxom and Michael Henry of the third part, for the plumbing work for Ward School-house No. 51, in West Twenty-eighth street, near Ninth avenue ; and between the same parties of the first part and Thomas Harrison of the second part, for heating and ventilating the same school-house ; and between the same parties of the first part, and Bernard Byrnes and Patrick Brady of the second part, for gas pipes and fixtures for the same school-house ; which contracts, are now on file in the Clerk's office, are hereby approved.

N. J. WATERBURY,	} Finance. Committee.
RICHD. C. FELLOWS,	
ALBERT SMITH,	
JOHN HOOPER,	

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative

Mr. WATERBURY presented the report of the Finance Committee in regard to certain amounts claimed to be due Cornelius Collins, offering for adoption the following resolutions :

*Resolved*, That Cornelius Collins is hereby required to pay to Amnon Macvey, Superintendent of School Buildings, the sum of five hundred dollars and twenty-three cents, for work and materials furnished by or under the direction of the said Superintendent, for Ward School No. 12, in consequence of the omission of Mr. Collins to complete his contract for certain work and materials to be supplied therefor ; and that the said Superintendent is hereby directed, upon the receipt thereof, to

pay and satisfy all claims remaining unpaid for or on account of work and materials furnished by him or under his direction for the said school-house, and to deposit the balance, if any, of the said money with the City Chamberlain, to the credit of the Board of Education; and that he render to the Finance Committee his account under this resolution, to be approved by the Committee and filed with the Clerk.

*Resolved*, That upon a compliance by Mr. Collins with the preceding resolution, the President and Clerk are authorized and directed to draw a warrant in his favor for the sum of eleven hundred and sixty-five dollars for work, and of fifty dollars for extra work on Ward School No. 34, which latter amount is hereby appropriated for that purpose; and also a further warrant for the sum of ten hundred and sixty-five dollars for work, and of one dollar and ninety-three cents for extra work on Ward School No. 12, which latter amount is hereby appropriated for that purpose; but neither of the said payments shall be made until Mr. Collins shall have filed with the Clerk the requisite certificates of the exemption of the building on account of which the payment is made from liens and other incumbrances, and his receipt shall state that the payment is in full of all claims and demands on account of work and materials for said building against either the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the city of New York or the Board of Education or any of the School officers.

NELSON J. WATERBURY,	} Finance Committee.
JOHN HOOPER,	
GEO. H. CLARK,	
ALBERT SMITH,	
RICHD. C. FELLOWS,	

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolutions, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

*Ayes*—Messrs. Hooper, Lecomte, Shine, Tuthill, Sinclair, Denike, Lydecker, Smith, Slote, Whitto, Williams, Mackean, Brooker, Scofield, Smith, Henry, Fellows, Baldwin, Neilson, Gray, Farley, Waterbury, Ranney—23.

Mr. WATERBURY presented the report of the Finance Committee in relation to the petition of Anna Seixas, for interest due her on the purchase of a lot for Ward School No. 44, in Fifth Ward, with the following resolution annexed :

*Resolved*, That the sum of one hundred and fifty-one and  $\frac{71}{100}$

dollars is hereby appropriated, to be paid to Mrs. Anna Seixas, in full satisfaction of all claims which she may have on account of the lot of ground on West Broadway, now forming part of the site of Ward School No. 44, for interest or otherwise.

N. J. WATERBURY, RICH. C. FELLOWS, GEO. H. CLARK, ALBERT SMITH, JOHN HOOPER,	}	Finance Committee.
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Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

*Ayes*—Hooper, Lecomte, Shine, Tuthill, Sinclair, Denike, Lydecker, Smith, Slote, White, Williams, Mackean, Brooker, Scofield, Boese, I. W. Smith, Henry, Fellows, Baldwin, Neilson, Gray, Farley, Waterbury, Ranney—24.

*Nays*—Andrew H. Green—1.

Mr. WATERBURY presented the report of the Finance Committee on the bill of E. B. Decker for repairing furniture in the Ward Schools of the Thirteenth Ward, (which repairs were on piano-fortes in said schools,) and offered for adoption the following resolutions :

*Resolved*, That the sum of eight thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars is hereby appropriated for the purchase of a piano-forte for the Female Grammar Department of each of the following Ward schools, viz.: Numbers one, two, three, five, seven, eight, nine, ten, thirteen, fifteen, sixteen, eighteen, nineteen, twenty, twenty-one, twenty-two, twenty-three, twenty-four, twenty-six, twenty-eight, twenty-nine, thirty-two, thirty-three, thirty-six, thirty-seven, thirty-eight, thirty-nine, forty-one, forty-three, forty-six, Senior Department of forty-seven, Junior Department of forty-seven, forty-eight, forty-nine, and fifty; being two hundred and fifty dollars for each piano; the same to be purchased by the trustees of the wards; but the said sum shall not be paid until the party of whom the piano is purchased shall certify the price at which the same is sold, and what money has been previously paid thereon; that the payment of two hundred and fifty dollars is in full satisfac-

tion of all payments to be made thereon, and that there is no charge, lien, or claim remaining upon or against the said piano, or on account thereof.

*Resolved*, That every piano-forte in use in the Ward Schools, which is public property, shall be registered by the trustees of the ward with the clerk of this Board; that after a piano-forte is so registered it shall not be sold or exchanged without the consent of this Board; and that the expenses of tuning and repairing the piano so registered, not exceeding fifteen dollars a year for any piano, shall be paid as part of the current expenses of the school in which it is located, upon being duly certified and audited by the school officers of the Ward.

*Resolved*, That no payment be made for the hire of a piano for use in any Ward or Primary School, or Department, subsequent to the first day of August next; but that bills for such hire previous to that day, presented before the first day of October next, be paid upon being duly certified and audited by the School Officers of the Ward.

NELSON J. WATERBURY,	} Finance Committee.
RICH. C. FELLOWS,	
ALBERT SMITH,	
JOHN HOOPER,	

Mr. BROOKER moved as an amendment to the resolutions, that the Board appropriate the sum of twelve thousand dollars for the purpose of fitting up gymnasiums at the several Boys' Grammar Schools in the city.

Mr. NEILSON moved to amend the motion of Mr. Brooker, by offering the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the subject be referred to the Committee on Repairs to enquire and report on the propriety of fitting up, in connection with each male grammar school, a workshop, in which the pupil may at proper times be taught and practice some mechanical work, such as will conduce to health, while it lays the foundation of future usefulness.

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution, and it was decided in the negative.

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the motion of Mr. Brooker, and it was decided in the negative, as follows :

*Ayes*.—Messrs. Brooker, Henry—2.

*Nays*.—Messrs. Hooper, Lecomte, Sinclair, Tweed, Ly-



decker, A. Smith, Slote, White, Williams, Mackean, Scofield, Boese, Green, I. W. Smith, Fellows, Neilson, Gray, Farley, Waterbury, Ranney, Davenport—21.

Mr. PRESIDENT then put the question whether the Board would agree with the original resolutions as reported by Mr. Waterbury, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows:

*Ayes.*—Messrs. Hooper, Lecomte, Shine, Sinclair, Denike, Lydecker, A. Smith, Slote, White, Williams, Mackean, Brooker, Scofield, Boese, I. W. Smith, Henry, Fellows, Gray, Farley, Waterbury, Ranney, Davenport—22.

*Nays.*—Mr. Neilson—1.

Mr. WATERBURY presented the report of the Committee on Elections and Qualifications, in relation to filling vacancies in School Offices in the several wards, with the following resolution annexed:

*Resolved*, That Leopold Lorenz is hereby appointed as Trustee of Common Schools for the First Ward, to fill the vacancy caused by his own omission to take the oath of office within the time prescribed by law; and William Gennett as Trustee for said ward, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Benjamin F. Weymouth.

*Resolved*, That George Ireland, Jr., is hereby appointed as Trustee of Common Schools for the Fifth Ward, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Andrew W. Leggat.

*Resolved*, That William Cantwell is hereby appointed as Trustee of Common Schools for the Sixth Ward, to fill the vacancy caused by the omission of Michael McLaughlin to take the oath of office within the time prescribed by law.

*Resolved*, That Peter Mitchell is hereby appointed as Trustee of Common Schools for the Thirteenth Ward, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Jacob M. Vreeland.

*Resolved*, That John H. Griscom is hereby appointed as Inspector of Common Schools for the Twenty-first Ward, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Elias H. Herrick.

NELSON J. WATERBURY,	} Committee on	
L. RANNEY,		} Elections and
W. J. HASKETT,		

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolutions, and it was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. WATERBURY presented the report of the Finance Committee in relation to the claims of Stoddart, Macartney and Newhall, for work alleged to have been done in the Twenty-second Ward, for which claims the President had declined to sign warrants, offering for adoption the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the action of the President, in declining to sign warrants for the payment of the bills of William Stoddart, amounting to \$431 76, for flagging at Ward Schools 17 and 28; of the bill of William H. Macartney, amounting to \$192 20, for carpenter work at Ward School No. 17, and the bill of Charles Newhall, amounting to \$57 02, for painting at Ward School No. 17, is hereby approved, and that the said bills be not paid, inasmuch as they were contracted in violation of the by-laws of the Board of Trustees of the Twenty-second Ward; and for the further reason in respect to two of the bills of Mr. Stoddart, amounting to \$391 72, that said bills were contracted in violation of the provisions of the second subdivision of the tenth section of the School Law.

NELSON J. WATERBURY,	} Finance Committee.
RICHARD C. FELLOWS,	
JOHN HOOPER,	
GEORGE H. CLARK,	
ALBERT SMITH,	

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. WATERBURY presented the report of the Special Committee appointed to visit Albany, "in relation to the legislation proposed in regard to school matters in this city," offering, for adoption, the following resolutions:

*Resolved*, That this report be printed, and that the annexed law be also printed in the Journal.

*Resolved*, That the Committee be discharged.

[See Document No. 16.]

NELSON J. WATERBURY,	} Special Committee.
JAMES M. TUTHILL,	
JOHN R. LYDECKER,	
THOMAS BOESE,	
WILLIAM B. EAGER, Jr.,	

AN ACT to provide for the appointment of a Commission to secure the more perfect Establishment, Government,

Regulation and Economy of Common Schools in the city of New York.

Passed April 17, 1857.

Three-fifths being present.

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows :

SECTION 1. The Governor of the State of New York shall appoint five residents of the city of New York as Commissioners to examine the school system of that city. It shall be the duty of such Commission to visit such of the institutions for public education in that city as they may deem necessary ; to confer with the Board of Education, the Boards of Trustees in the several wards, and the other officers connected with the school system, or such of them as may request conference, and also with other parties desiring to make suggestions in relation to the matter ; and to thoroughly examine the organization and operation of the system of public education in that city. And the said commission shall make a written report to the Governor previous to the first day of January next, upon the matters aforesaid, and annex to such report a draft of a bill, making such changes and improvements in the laws relative to public education in that city as they may deem advisable.

§ 2. Neither of the said Commissioners shall receive any compensation for his services ; but the necessary and reasonable expenses of the said Commission shall be paid by the Board of Education out of the school moneys of said city.

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATE OF NEW YORK, }  
Secretary's Office, } ss. :

I have compared the preceding with the original law on file in this office, and do certify that it is a correct transcript therefrom, and of the whole of such original.

[L. s.] In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal, at the city of Albany, this 24th day of April, in the year 1857.

N. P. STANTON,  
Dep. Sec. of State.

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolutions, and it was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. WATERBURY presented the report of the Special Committee, to whom was referred the communication of Thomas B. Stillman, Esq., Chairman of the " Board of Commissioners, appointed by the Governor of the State to examine the organization and operation of the system of public education in the city

f New York," with instructions to "consider and report what action it is advisable for the Board of Education to take in the latter," offering for adoption the following resolutions:

*Resolved*, That a Special Committee of five be appointed to confer with the Commission "to examine the organization of the system of public education," in this city, for the purpose of facilitating and carrying out the objects for which the Commission was constituted.

*Resolved*, That the Commission is respectfully invited to hold its meetings at the Hall of this Board, and that the Clerk is hereby instructed, if the invitation is accepted, to provide the Commission with accommodations for that purpose.

NELSON J. WATERBURY, THOS. BOESE, WILLIAM M. TWEED, JOHN HOOPER, ELIPHALET BOOTMAN,	}	Special Committee.
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Mr. RANNEY tendered his resignation as a member of the Committee on Elections and Qualifications.

*Ordered*, That said resignation be accepted.

Mr. PRESIDENT appointed Andrew J. Perry as a member of the Committee on Elections and Qualifications, in place of Lafayette Ranney, resigned.

On motion of Mr. WILLIAMS, the report of the Executive Committee on the Free Academy, on the organization of the Department of Studies, and the compensation of Professors, (Document No. 14,) was taken from the table.

On motion, sections 3 and 4 were adopted as reported by the Committee.

Section 5 was amended by striking out from line 20, on page , the following: *And strike out* § 9.

Said section was adopted as amended.

On motion, Article 16, § 18 of the By-Laws, was further amended, in accordance with the report of the Committee, by inserting after the word *form*, in the 17th line, the following:

The Professor of History and Belles-Lettres shall be employed in the Department of English Language, when not engaged in teaching in his own Department. The Professor of Drawing

shall teach Descriptive Geometry in the Department of Pure Mathematics, when not engaged with his classes in Drawing.

Mr. FARLEY moved to adjourn.—Lost.

Mr. LECOMTE moved that the subject be laid on the table.—Lost.

A call of the House being ordered, the following members answered to their names :

*Ayes*—Messrs. Lecomte, Tuthill, Sinclair, Denike, Lydecker, A. Smith, Slote, White, Williams, Mackean, Scofield, Boese, Green, I. W. Smith, Henry, Fellows, Baldwin, Neilson, Gray, Farley Waterbury, Ranney, Davenport—23.

Mr. GRAY moved that the balance of said report be laid on the table.—Lost.

A call of the House being ordered, the following members answered to their names :

*Ayes*—Messrs. Lecomte, Tuthill, Sinclair, Denike, Lydecker, A. Smith, Slote, White, Williams, Mackean, Scofield, Boese, Green, I. W. Smith, Henry, Fellows, Baldwin, Neilson, Gray, Farley, Waterbury, Ranney, Davenport—23.

A call of the House being again ordered, the following members answered to their names :

*Ayes*—Messrs. Lecomte, Tuthill, Sinclair, Denike, Lydecker, Slote, White, Williams, Mackean, Scofield, Boese, Green, I. W. Smith, Henry, Fellows, Baldwin, Neilson, Gray, Waterbury, Ranney, Davenport—21.

A quorum not being present, the Board adjourned.

## TUESDAY, JULY 21, 1857.

### STATED SESSION.

The Board convened at the Academy of Music in Fourteenth street, at 6½ o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of holding the Annual Commencement of the Free Academy.

*Present*—Andrew H. Green, Esq., President, and Commissioners Lecomte, Shine, Tuthill, Sinclair, Lydecker, Williams, Mackean, Scofield, Boese, I. W. Smith, Henry, Farley, Ranney, Fellows, Baldwin and Davenport. The officers and Faculty of the Free Academy were also present on the occasion.

The exercises were as follows :

*Music*.—Selections from “I Puritani.”—*Donizetti*.

Wedding March.—*Mendelssohn*.

*Prayer*, by the Rev. Wm. Adams, D. D.

*Music*.—Alessandro Stradello.—*Flotow*.

1. *Salutatory Address*.—*Oration*.—“Philosopher’s Stone, by John S. Roberts.

*Music*.—Finale of Overture to “William Tell.”—*Rossini*.

2. *Oration*.—Influence of America, by *Oscar Myers*.

3. *Oration*.—Penates, by *Geo. Elias Hawes*.

*Music*.—Schubertz Serenade.

4. *Dissertation*.—Spirit of Conquest, by *Jared S. Babcock*.

5. *Oration*.—Dawn of the Swiss Confederacy, by *Nathan Solomon*.

*Music*.—Canadian Boat Song.

6. *Honorary*.—*Oration*.—A Parable, by *D. G. Fanning*.

7. *Dissertation*.—Necessity of a Religious Spirit in Education, by *Samuel Maxwell, Jr.*

*Music*.—White Mountain Echoes.—*Dodworth*.

8. *Dissertation*.—Æsthetic Culture, by *Charles H. Kitchel*.

9. *Philosophical Oration*.—Popular Philosophy, by *S. G. R. Jelliffe*.

*Music*.—Rival Birds Schottische.—*Bradley*.

10. *Dissertation*.—Cultivation of the Principle of Reverence, by *Smith Bloomfield*.

11. *Master’s Oration*.—“Faith and Works,” by *Joseph Anderson, A. B.*

*Music*.—Gipsy Song from “l’Etoile du Nord.”—*Meyerbeer*.

## PRESENTATION OF MEDALS AND PRIZES.

Mr. PRESIDENT introduced Mr. BUTLER, Chairman of the Committee to award the prize of the President of the Board of Education to the competitors who recited Prize Declamations at Dr. Parker's Church, corner of Fourth Avenue and Twenty Second street, on Friday evening, the 17th of July.

The following was the order of the exercises on that occasion:

*Music.—March from "l'Etoile du Nord."*

PRAYER.

*Music.—Duet, from "La Traviata."*

Extension of the Republic, . . . Everett, . . . . . John A. Carolin,  
Alexander's Feast, . . . . . Dryden, . . . . . Hermann C. Koerner.  
Appeal in behalf of Greece, . . . Clay, . . . . . Gardiner Sherman.

*Music.—Teutonia Polka.*

American Independence, . . . Webster, . . . . . Matthew J. Blakeley.  
The Famine, . . . . . Longfellow, . . . . . John Andrews Ely.  
Humanity, . . . . . Greeley, . . . . . Alex. P. Ketchum

*Music.—Prison Duet, from "Il Trovatore."*

Death of Hamilton, . . . . . Nott, . . . . . Sylvester Van Deusen.  
Building of the Ship, . . . . . Longfellow, . . . . . Charles H. Kitchel.  
Napoleon, . . . . . Phillips, . . . . . Jared S. Babcock.

BENEDICTION.

*Music.—Medley Quickstep.*

Harvey B. Dodworth, - - - - - Chef d'Orchestra.

Mr. BUTLER read the following

## REPORT:

The Committee selected by the President of the Board of Education to award the prizes for the best Declamation of Prose and Poetry by Students of the Free Academy, for the present year, report:

That they listened with much interest to the several competitors for these prizes, and take pleasure in commending the uniform excellence which characterised their efforts, and which reflects great credit upon the instruction in elocution given at the Academy. The Committee look upon this annual exercise in oratory, and the emulation which it excites, as a most important feature in the system of free education; and they recommend to the students to use with diligence all the means placed within their reach for improvement in this useful and elevating department of culture. The exercises of the present year gave evidence that the speaker

who represented the different classes had all paid unusual attention to the study of appropriate action and gesture. Equal care as regards distinctness of utterance and articulation is indispensable to efficiency in public speaking, and in this respect the performance as a whole might, in the judgment of the Committee, have been more perfect, and the duty of deciding upon the merits of the candidates have been thus rendered still more difficult. In making their awards, the Committee have had reference to all the elements of successful declamation,—choice of subject—voice—enunciation—posture—gesture and general action. While several of the speakers of prose placed themselves in the front rank, the Committee unanimously awarded the prize to the one who seemed to them most satisfactory to combine in his address the best expression of these qualities.

The prize for the best prose declamation is awarded to SYLVESTER VAN DEUSEN. Subject: The Death of Hamilton, by Dr. Nott.

The decision as to the prize for declamation in poetry was rendered a matter of much difficulty, by the fact that the recitation by John Andrew Ely, of The Famine, and that by Charles H. Kitchel, of The Building of the Ship, (being selections from the same author, Longfellow,) were so nearly equal in merit as to leave little room for discrimination or preference, and the Committee desire to have it understood that the award made by them is not the result of any such decidedly marked superiority on the part of the successful as to detract from the merit of the unsuccessful competitor of the two just named.

The prize is awarded to CHARLES H. KITCHEL.

All which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed)

WM. ALLEN BUTLER,	} Committee of Award.
PETER COOPER,	
WM. H. WEBB,	
JNO. A. C. GRAY,	
JOHN KELLY,	

In accordance with the award,

*Sylvester Van Deusen, Senior Class*, received a beautiful copy of *The Spectator*, in 6 volumes; and

*Charles Henry Kitchel, Senior Class*, received a splendidly bound illustrated copy of Wordsworth's *Greece*.

The Principal of the Free Academy announced that the various medals and prizes had been awarded to the Students, as follows:

The PELL MEDAL—First Prize, Gold Medal, was awarded to *Fitzgerald Tisdall*, of the Sophomore Class, for having made the greatest proficiency in his general studies during the year.

The PELL MEDAL—Second Prize, Silver Medal, was awarded to *James Matthew Trippe*, of the Introductory Class.

The PELL MEDAL—Third Prize, Silver Medal, was awarded to *Henry Kirk White*, of the Freshman Class.



The BURR MEDAL—First Prize, Gold Medal, for the best Mathematician in the highest class, was awarded to *John Sinclair Roberts*.

The BURR MEDAL—Second Prize, Silver Medal, was awarded to *Cleveland Abbe*.

The CROMWELL MEDAL—First Prize, Gold Medal, was awarded to *James Knox*, of the Sophomore Class, for being the best student in History and Belles-Lettres.

The CROMWELL MEDAL—Second Prize, Silver Medal, was awarded to *Fitzgerald Tisdall*, of the Sophomore Class.

The WARD MEDALS were awarded as follows :

*For Chemistry*—to Cleveland Abbe, Senior Class.

“ *Natural History*—to James Matthew Trippe, Introductory Class.

“ *Natural Philosophy*—to Thomas Crowther, Junior Class.

“ *Moral Philosophy*—to Samuel Gould Raymond Jelliffe, Senior Class.

“ *Law*—to Adolph Werner, senior Class.

“ *English*—to Arnold Tanger, Sophomore Class.

“ *Greek*—to David Green Fanning, Senior Class.

“ *Latin*—to John Sinclair Roberts, Senior Class.

“ *French*—to John Sinclair Roberts, Senior Class.

“ *Spanish*—to Horace Porter, Sophomore Class.

“ *German*—to Nathan Solomon, Senior Class.

“ *Oratory*—to Samuel Maxwell, Jr., Senior Class.

“ *Composition*—to Adolph Werner, Senior Class.

“ *Logic*—to Charles Leland Balch, Sophomore Class.

“ *Astronomy*—to Augustus Frederick Childs, Junior Class.

“ *History*—to James Knox, Sophomore Class.

“ *Drawing*—to Solomon Israel Woolf, Sophomore Class.

“ *Algebra and Geometry*—James Matthew Trippe, Introductory Class.

“ *Engineering*—to David Green Fanning, Senior Class.

“ *Hygiene*—to Charles Leland Balch, Sophomore Class.

Mr. AUGUSTUS H. WARD, of this city, an enlightened and liberally-minded citizen, having provided the necessary funds to award the following money prizes, viz. :

1. A prize of one hundred dollars to the student who received the highest number of the above named medals.

2. A Prize of twenty dollars to the student who received the second highest number.

3. A prize of five dollars for each medal.

(The silver medals not being included in these provisions.)

The said Prizes were awarded as follows :

To John Sinclair Roberts, Senior Class.....	\$115 00
To David Green Fanning, Senior Class.....	14 00
To Adolph Werner, Senior Class.....	14 00

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*nt Pourri of College Songs.*

.....Chef d'Orchestra.



**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5, 1857.**

STATED SESSION.

*Present*—Andrew H. Green, Esq., President ; and Commissioners Auld, Lecomte, Shine, Tuthill, Roche, Sinclair, Denike, Tweed, Lydecker, A. Smith, Haines, Clark, White, Rollins, Mackean, Scofield, I. W. Smith, Baldwin, Gray, Waterbury, Ranney—22.

*Absent*—Commissioners Perry, Hooper, Niven, Avery, Ware, Eager, Bootman, Slote, Williams, Brooker, Boese, Burlew, Benedict, Haskett, Henry, Fellows, Neilson, Farley, Monteith, Davenport, Edwards—21.

A quorum not being present, the Board adjourned.

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2d, 1857.

### STATED SESSION.

*Present*—Andrew H. Green, Esq., President; and Commissioners Perry, Hooper, Niven, Lecomte, Ware, Shine, Tuthill, Eager, Roche, Sinclair, Lydecker, A. Smith, Haines, Clark, White, Williams, Mackean, Brooker, Boese, Benedict, I. W. Smith, Haskett, Henry, Fellows, Baldwin, Farley, Waterbury, Davenport—29.

*Absent*—Commissioners Auld, Avery, Denike, Tweed, Bootman, Slote, Rollins, Scofield, Burlew, Neilson, Gray, Monteith, Ranney, Edwards—14.

The Journal of the last Session was read, and approved.

A communication was presented from the School Officers of the Fifth Ward, in relation to a demand against said officers for the purchase of premium books, and asking the adoption of the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the President and Clerk be, and are hereby directed to sign a check in favor of Mr. Allen, for \$81  $\frac{1}{4}$  dollars, being the amount of his bill, which has been approved by the School Officers of the Fifth Ward.

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. PRESIDENT laid before the Board a communication from Alexander Proudfoot, in relation to painting Ward School No. 44, in the Fifth Ward.

*Ordered*, That said communication be laid on the table.

Mr. WATERBURY presented the application of the School Officers of the Twentieth Ward, for an appropriation of \$5,852 to furnish the new School-House in Twenty-eighth street, in said ward.

*Ordered*, That said application be referred to the Committee on School Furniture.

Mr. MACKEAN presented the application of the School Officers of the Twelfth Ward, for the establishing of a Female Evening School in Harlem, in said ward.

*Ordered*, That said application be referred to the Executive Committee on Evening Schools.

Mr. MACKEAN presented a communication from the School Officers of the Twelfth Ward, nominating Robert O. Glover, as Inspector of Schools in said ward, in place of Henry Patterson, resigned.

*Ordered*, That said communication be referred to the Committee on Elections and Qualifications.

Mr. MACKEAN presented the application of the School Officers of the Twelfth Ward for an appropriation to furnish Ward School No. 39, in said ward, accompanied by the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the sum of \$2,887 is hereby appropriated to furnish with desks, chairs and settees, Ward School No. 39, in Twelfth Ward, according to plans and specifications on file in the Clerk's office of the Board of Education, the work to be performed under the direction of the Superintendent of School Buildings, but no part of the money to be paid until the work has been completed to the satisfaction of the School Officers of the Twelfth Ward, and the Superintendent of School Buildings, whose certificate to that effect must be filed in the Clerk's office.

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

*Ayes*—Messrs. Perry, Hooper, Niven, Lecomte, Ware, Shine, Tuthill, Lydecker, A. Smith, Clark, White, Williams, Mackean, Scofield, Boese, Benedict, Haskett, Henry, Baldwin, Farley, Waterbury, Montieth, Davenport—23.

*Nay*—I. W. Smith—1.

Mr. BOESE presented a communication from the School Officers of the Sixth Ward, relative to the payment of the salary of Wm. Sinclair, Jr., late an Assistant Teacher in Ward School No. 23, in said ward, with the following resolution annexed :

*Resolved*, That the President and Clerk are hereby directed to draw and sign a warrant or check, to the order of Wm. Sinclair, Jr., for the sum of five hundred and fifty dollars, for services rendered by him as Assistant Teacher in Ward School No. 23, from the first day of February, 1856, to the first day of February, 1857.

Mr. DAVENPORT moved to lay said communication on the table.  
Lost.

Mr. DAVENPORT moved to refer the whole matter to the Committee on Teachers. Lost.

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

*Ayes*—Messrs. Niven, Lecomte, Ware, Shine, Tuthill, Eager, Roche, Lydecker, A. Smith, Haines, Clark, White, Williams, Mackean, Boese, Haskett, Henry—17.

*Nays*—Messrs. Hooper, Brooker, Scofield, Green, I. W. Smith, Waterbury, Davenport—7.

Mr. WHITE presented the application of the School Officers of the Eleventh Ward, for permission to advertise for proposals for heating and ventilating the new Primary School-House in Fourth street, near Avenue C, in said ward.

*Ordered*, That said application be referred to the Committee on Warming and Ventilation, with power.

Mr. HASKETT presented a communication from the School Officers of the Sixteenth Ward, nominating Charles P. Johnson, as a trustee of said ward, in place of Jeremiah E. Cary, resigned.

*Ordered*, That said communication be referred to the Committee on Elections and Qualifications.

Mr. SINCLAIR presented the application of the School Officers of the Sixth Ward, for an appropriation to furnish the new Primary School in Mott street, in said ward.

*Ordered*, That said application be referred to the Committee on School Furniture, with power.

Mr. PRESIDENT laid before the Board the application of a number of the late graduates of the Normal School for the privilege of occupying a room in the Hall of the Board of Education, on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, for the purpose of

receiving further instruction, under the tuition of Messrs. Scott, Belden, and Harrison.

*Ordered*, That said application be referred to the Executive Committee on Normal Schools, with power.

Mr. PRESIDENT presented his objections to signing checks for the payment of several bills.

*Ordered*, That the bills of W. H. Smith, amounting to \$93 38 ; of Stephen Lynch, \$96 10 ; of W. H. Wilson, \$5 ; of B. O. Wandell, \$5 75 ; of James W. Brush, \$12 ; of Willard Felt & Co., \$11 88 ; of D. Burgess & Co., \$13 15 ; and of Gray, Cook & Merritt, \$25, be referred to the Committee on Supplies ; that the bills of Thos. R. Jackson, \$100 ; of Philbin & Quin, \$254 40 ; of Hazleton & Bro., \$5, be referred to the Finance Committee ; and the bill of C. Doran, for \$36, be referred to the Executive Committee on Normal Schools.

Mr. DAVENPORT offered the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That a Committee of the Male Principal Teachers in the Ward Schools be requested to prepare a Manual of Instruction in detail, adapted to the Public Schools of this city ; said Manual to embrace all necessary rules for the discipline and direction of teachers and pupils in said Schools, and the Normal Schools ; said committee conferring with the Superintendents upon the details of said Manual, and to report it, when completed, to this Board, with a view to its approval, and publication by its authority.

Mr. WHITE moved to lay on the table. Lost.

Mr. WHITE moved to amend, by striking out all after the word *Resolved*, and inserting as follows :

That the President of this Board appoint three male and two female principal teachers, who, with the City and Assistant Superintendents of Schools, shall be a committee to prepare, without compensation, and report to this Board for its consideration, a Manual of Instruction, in detail, adapted to the Ward Schools of this city ; said Manual to embrace all necessary rules for the discipline and direction of teachers and pupils in said schools, and also in the Normal Schools.

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the motion of Mr. White, and it was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution as amended, and it was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. WATERBURY moved a re-consideration. Lost.



Mr. LECOMTE moved a re-consideration on the action of the Board on Document No. 14.

*Ordered*, That all action on the subject be postponed until the next meeting of the Board.

Mr. SINCLAIR moved a suspension of the rules, to elect a member of the Executive Committee on Normal Schools, in place of David B. Kerr, resigned.

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with said motion, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows:

*Ayes*—Messrs. Perry, Hooper, Niven, Lecomte, Ware, Shine, Tuthill, Eager, Roche, Sinclair, Lydecker, Haines, Clark, White, Williams, Mackean, Boese, Benedict, Haskett, Henry, Baldwin, Waterbury, Monteith—23.

*Nay*—I. W. Smith—1.

Mr. PRESIDENT appointed Messrs. Sinclair and Ware, tellers.

The CLERK called the roll, and the following members answered to their names as they deposited their ballots:

Messrs. Perry, Hooper, Niven, Lecomte, Ware, Shine, Tuthill, Eager, Roche, Sinclair, Lydecker, A. Smith, Slote, Clark, White, Williams, Mackean, Brooker, Scofield, Boese, Benedict, Haskett, Henry, Baldwin, Waterbury, Monteith, Davenport—27.

#### FIRST BALLOT.

The tellers reported the whole number of votes cast, 27, of which Andrew J. Perry received 27.

Mr. PRESIDENT thereupon declared Andrew J. Perry duly elected a member of the Executive Committee on Normal Schools.

Mr. MACKEAN presented the report of the Committee on Warming and Ventilation, respecting the awarding of the contract for heating the new Primary School House in Mott street, in Sixth Ward, with the following resolutions annexed:

*Resolved*, That the action of the School Officers of the Sixth Ward, in awarding said contract to Thomas Harrison, be approved.

*Resolved*, That the sum of six hundred dollars be, and is hereby appropriated, to pay, in part, for the same; but no payment shall be made until the tin air conductors, registers, and

ventilators are properly fitted in the walls and floors of said school building, to the entire satisfaction of the Ward Officers and the Superintendent of School Buildings.

JAMES MACKEAN,  
GEORGE H. CLARK, } Committee on Warming  
WILLIAM H. AVERY, } and Ventilation.

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question, whether the Board would agree with said resolutions, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

*Ayes*—Messrs. Perry, Hooper, Niven, Lecomte, Ware, Shine, Tuthill, Eager, Roche, Sinclair, Lydecker, Slote, White, Williams, Mackean Brooker, Scofield, Boese, Benedict, I. W. Smith, Haskett, Henry, Waterbury, Monteith, Davenport—25.

Mr. WATERBURY presented the report of the Finance Committee, with the following resolution annexed :

*Resolved*, That the Comptroller of the city of New York be and is hereby requested to authorize the City Chamberlain to place in the City Treasury the sum of eighty thousand dollars, subject to the drafts of the Board of Education, on and after the 10th day of September, instant.

NELSON J. WATERBURY, }  
JOHN HOOPER, } Finance  
GEO. H. CLARK, } Committee.  
RICHARD C. FELLOWS, }

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. WATERBURY presented the report of the Finance Committee, with the following resolution annexed :

*Resolved*, That the following sums be and the same are hereby appropriated out of the school moneys of 1857, for the purposes following, viz :

For salaries of teachers and janitors in the Ward	
and Primary Schools.....	\$75,000
“ books, stationery and other supplies for said	
Schools.....	10,000
“ Support of Normal Schools.....	2,500
“ “ “ Evening Schools.....	10,000

NELSON J. WATERBURY, }  
JOHN HOOPER, } Finance  
GEORGE H. CLARK, } Committee.  
RICHARD C. FELLOWS, }  
ALBERT SMITH, }

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

*Ayes*—Messrs. Perry, Hooper, Niven, Lecomte, Ware, Shine, Tuthill, Eager, Roche, Sinclair, Lydecker, Slote, White, Williams, Mackean, Brooker, Scofield, Boese, Green, Benedict, I. W. Smith, Hasket, Henry, Waterbury, Monteith, Davenport—26.

Mr. WATERBURY presented the report of the Finance Committee with the following resolution annexed :

*Resolved*, That the sum of five hundred and eighty-seven  $\frac{11}{100}$  dollars is hereby appropriated for expenses in the matter of the erection of the new School-House in West Twenty-eighth street, near Ninth avenue.

NELSON J. WATERBURY,	} Finance Committee.
JOHN HOOPER,	
GEO. H. CLARK.	
ALBERT SMITH,	

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

*Ayes*—Messrs. Perry, Hooper, Niven, Lecomte, Ware, Shine, Tuthill, Eager, Sinclair, Lydecker, Slote, White, Williams, Mackean, Brooker, Scofield, Boese, Benedict, I. W. Smith, Haskett, Henry, Waterbury, Monteith, Davenport—24.

*Nay*—Green—1.

Mr. WATERBURY presented the report of the Finance Committee, with the following resolution annexed :

*Resolved*, That the sum of fifty dollars is hereby appropriated to pay Messrs. Tracy, Powers & Tallmadge for an opinion by them as counsel, relative to the school on Randall's Island.

NELSON J. WATERBURY,	} Finance Committee.
JOHN HOOPER,	
GEO. H. CLARK,	
RICHARD C. FELLOWS,	
ALBERT SMITH,	

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

*Ayes*—Messrs. Perry, Hooper, Niven, Lecomte, Ware, Shine, Tuthill, Eager, Roche, Sinclair, Lydecker, Slote, White,

Mackean, S. Coffield, Boese, Benedict, Smith, Haskett, I. W. Henry, Waterbury, Monteith, Davenport—23.

*Nays*—Messrs. Brooker, Green—2.

Mr. WATERBURY presented the report of the Finance Committee, with the following resolutions annexed :—

*Resolved*, That the contracts between the School Officers of the Fifth Ward of the second part, J. G. Semon of the first part as principal, and Joseph B. Taylor and Abner W. Baldwin of the third part as sureties, for painting Ward School, No. 44, in North Moore street; between the School Officers of the Seventh Ward of the first part, William T. J. Sankey of the second part as principal, and Aaron A. Degraw and Emmet G. Tuttle of the third part, as sureties for masons' work for Ward School No. 31, in Monroe street; between the School Officers of the Ninth Ward of the first part, Rogers and Hoff of the second part as principals, and Oliver Lovel and Daniel Clark of the third part as sureties, for masons' work for Ward School No. 41, in Greenwich avenue; between the School Officers of the Ninth Ward of the first part, Keyser and Berrian of the second part as principals, and George Starr and James Galway of the third part as sureties; and between the School Officers of the Twelfth Ward of the first part, Andrew Crawford of the second part as principal, and William H. Colwell and John Bell of the third part as sureties, for the masons' work of the new School-House on King's Bridge Road and Two Hundred and Sixth street; which contracts are now on file in the Clerk's Office, are hereby approved.

NELSON J. WATERBURY,	}	Finance Committee.
JOHN HOOPER,		
ALBERT SMITH,		
GEORGE H. CLARK,		

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. DAVENPORT presented the report of the Executive Committee on Normal Schools, with the following resolution annexed :—

*Resolved*, That the salary of John Peterson, teacher of the Colored Normal School, be two hundred dollars per annum; and that John A. Sconcia be appointed teacher of music in the

Daily Normal School, at a salary of two hundred and fifty dollars per annum, to take effect from the first instant.

J. DAVENPORT,	}	Executive Committee on Normal Schools.
JOHN R. LYDECKER,		
WM. B. EAGER, Jun.,		
JONATHAN L. SCOFIELD,		
WALTER ROCHE,		

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. LYDECKER presented the report of the Auditing Committee, with the following resolution annexed:—

*Resolved*, That the President and Clerk be directed to issue warrants in favor of the Commercial Advertiser for \$5; of H. Murphy for \$9 75; of Daniel Jepson for \$18 50; of J. P. Wilkins for \$8 17; of Robert Lovett for \$10; and of the Manhattan Gas Light Co. for \$166 25.

JOHN R. LYDECKER,	}	Auditing Committee.
PROVOST S. HAINES,		
JAMES MACKEAN,		
J. F. HENRY,		

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. LYDECKER presented the report of the Finance Committee, with the following resolution annexed:—

*Resolved*, That the President and Clerk be authorized and directed to draw a warrant in favor of Isaac F. Bragg for \$66; of Slote & Janes for \$10; of Asa L. Shipman for \$129 75; of Raynor, Howe & Ferry for \$118 75; and of Albert Gilbert for \$18.

JOHN R. LYDECKER,	}	Auditing Committee.
PROVOST S. HAINES,		
JAMES MACKEAN,		
J. F. HENRY,		

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. BOESE, the Board adjourned.

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1857.**

STATED SESSION.

*Present*,—Andrew H. Green, Esq., President, and Commissioners Auld, Lecomte, Shine, Tuthill, Sinclair, Denike, Bootman, A. Smith, Clark, Mackean, Scofield, Benedict, I. W. Smith, Haskett, Baldwin, Waterbury, Ranney, Davenport—19.

*Absent*,—Commissioners Perry, Hooper, Niven, Avery, Ware, Eager, Roche, Tweed, Lydecker, Haines, Slote, White, Rollins, Williams, Brooker, Boese, Burlew, Henry, Fellows, Neilson, Gray, Farley, Monteith, Edwards—24.

A quorum not being present, the Board was declared adjourned.

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 1857.**

**SPECIAL SESSION.**

The meeting of the Board was called on the following requisition, in pursuance of section 2, article 1, of the By-Laws.

To ALBERT GILBERT, Esq.,  
Clerk of the Board of Education :

Sir,—The undersigned hereby request a special meeting of the Board of Education for next Wednesday afternoon at five o'clock, and request you to issue notices accordingly ; said meeting being for the purpose of receiving, considering, and acting upon reports of committees, and resolutions.

NELSON J. WATERBURY,  
A. V. WILLIAMS,  
GEORGE WHITE,  
DANIEL SLOTE,  
J. F. HENRY.

New York, September 16, 1857.

*Present*—Andrew H. Green, Esq., President, and Commissioners Perry, Auld, Niven, Lecomte, Shine, Eager, Roche, Sinclair, Denike, Tweed, Bootman, Lydecker, A. Smith, Clark, White, Williams, Mackean, Scofield, Boese, Burlew, Benedict, I. W. Smith, Haskett, Henry, Fellows, Baldwin, Gray, Farley, Waterbury, Monteith, Ranney, Davenport—33.

*Absent*—Commissioners Hooper, Avery, Ware, Tuthill, Haines, Slote, Rollins, Brooker, Neilson, Edwards—10.

The Journal of the two previous sessions were read, and on motion of Mr. LYDECKER the minutes of the session, held on the 2d September, were amended so as to state on page 152, that Mr. DAVENPORT presented the application of a number of the late graduates of the Normal School, for the privilege of using a room in the Hall of the Board ; and on motion of Mr. MACKEAN, were further amended so as to state, on page 158, that Mr. LYDECKER presented the report of the *Auditing Committee*. The minutes of both sessions as amended, were then approved.

On motion of Mr. WATERBURY—

*Resolved*, That the Comptroller is respectfully requested to communicate to this Board a statement of the aggregate amount of school moneys deposited by the Comptroller to the credit of the Board of Education in each year, since its organization.

Mr. DAVENPORT presented the application of the School Officers of the Twenty-first Ward, for the establishing of a Female Evening School in Ward School No. 14, in said ward.

*Ordered*, That said application be referred to the Executive Committee on Evening Schools, with power.

Mr. A. SMITH presented the application of the School Officers of the Ninth Ward, for an appropriation of four hundred and twenty-five dollars, for the purpose of furnishing and fitting up class rooms in building erected in rear of Ward School No. 41, in said ward.

*Ordered*, That said application be referred to the Committee on School Furniture.

Mr. DENIKE presented the application of the School Officers of the Seventh Ward, for authority to advertise for proposals for furnishing and fitting up Ward School No. 31, in said ward, with the following resolution annexed :

*Resolved*, That the Board of School Officers of the Seventh Ward be authorized to advertise for proposals for furnishing and fitting up Ward School No. 31, according to the plans and specifications on file with the Clerk of this Board.

*Ordered*, That said application be referred to the Committee on School Furniture, with power.

Mr. PRESIDENT presented a communication from the School Officers of the Twenty-second Ward, nominating John Doherty as a Commissioner from said ward, in place of David B. Kerr, resigned.

*Ordered*, That said communication be referred to the Committee on Elections and Qualifications.

Mr. WATERBURY announced the death of the late Dr. Hugh Sweeny as follows :

Mr. PRESIDENT,—Although not of immediate occurrence, an event has transpired since the last meeting of this Board, which has filled many hearts with sadness. I allude to the death of Dr. Hugh Sweeny, formerly one of the most prominent members



of this body. It has been our custom, and an excellent one, to mark the departure from this life of those who have been prominent in their membership of the Board, by resolutions of respect and condolence. To the memory of no one could such a tribute be more justly paid than to that of Dr. Sweeny. For ten years, two-thirds of the whole period of its existence, he was one of its most faithful members. No other person has yet been so long a member. Nor was it only by being of service that he was distinguished. He was attentive and faithful, and a steadfast friend of the cause, which has experienced a great loss in his death. Dr. Sweeny was also a man of a warm heart and courteous demeanour. He was kind and considerate to all. I came into this Board during the latter part of his membership, and my acquaintance with him was comparatively short; but yet sufficient to form an attachment stronger than that of mere esteem. He represented the Sixth Ward in this Board, and enjoyed the unbounded love of the people among whom he lived, and to whom he dispensed the benefits of his professional skill, and the kindly charities of his nature. He has left among them a regard for education which will be lasting. Justly may we mourn the loss of such a man. I have not prepared a resolution appropriate to the occasion, as I did not anticipate that this mournful duty would be mine; but if no gentleman has a resolution already drawn, I will move that a committee of three be appointed to report one.

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the motion of Mr. Waterbury, and it was decided in the affirmative.

The PRESIDENT appointed Messrs. Waterbury, Boese, and Haskett, as such committee.

Mr. LYDECKER presented the report of the Auditing Committee, with the following resolution annexed:

*Resolved*, That the President and Clerk be directed to draw a warrant in favor of Aitkin & Miller, for \$19 20; of S. Drayton, for \$190; of the Trustees of the Church of our Savior, for \$58 34; of Alexander T. Stewart & Co., for \$56 62; of John Commerford & Co., for \$42; of Marshall & Lecount, for \$33; of J. Williams, for \$1; and of Albert Gilbert, for \$23 16.

JOHN R. LYDECKER,	} Auditing Committee.
JAMES MACKEAN,	
J. T. HENRY,	

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. TWEED presented the report of the Committee on School Furniture, with the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the action of the Committee on School Furniture, in authorizing the Board of School Officers of the Sixth Ward to advertise for proposals for furnishing Primary School in Mott street, in said ward, in accordance with the plans on file in the office of the Clerk be, and is hereby approved.

WM. M. TWEED,	} Committee on
JAMES MACKEAN,	
JONATHAN L. SCOFIELD,	
	} School Fur-
	} niture.

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. WHITE presented the report of the Executive Committee on Evening Schools, with the following resolutions annexed :

*Resolved*, That the Executive Committee on Evening Schools be, and they are, hereby authorized to establish a Female Evening School, in Ward School-House No. 39, in Harlem, in the Twelfth Ward; and also to change the location of the Evening School in the Seventh Ward, from Ward School No. 31, in Monroe street, to No. 12, in Madison street; in the Tenth Ward from No. 20, in Ludlow street, to Ward School No. 42, in Allen street; and in the Eleventh Ward from No. 15, in Fifth street, to Ward School No. 36, in Ninth street.

*Resolved*, That an Evening School for Females be, and the same is, hereby established in Ward School building No. 14, in the Twenty-first Ward.

GEORGE WHITE,	} Executive
E. BOOTMAN,	
TERRENCE FARLEY,	
WILLIAM SINCLAIR,	
ALBERT SMITH,	
	} Committee
	} on Evening
	} Schools.

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolutions, and it was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. MACKEAN presented the report of the Committee on Warming and Ventilation, stating that the Committee had examined the plans and specifications on file in the Clerk's office,

for heating the new Primary School-House, in the Eleventh Ward, and had authorized the School Officers of said ward to advertise for proposals, in accordance therewith.

*Ordered*, That the report be received, and entered on file.

Mr. WATERBURY presented the report of the Finance Committee, in relation to the approval of certain contracts, with the following resolution annexed :

*Resolved*, That the contracts between the School Officers of the Sixth Ward of the first part, John Gallier of the second part as principal, and George Colyer and Thomas Le Boutillier of the third part as sureties, for the carpenter work of a new Primary School-House, in Mott street, near Bayard ; also the contract between the School Officers of the Eleventh Ward of the first part, John Gallier of the second part as principal, Thomas Le Boutillier and Lyman Taylor of the third part, as sureties for the carpenter work of a new Primary School-House in Fourth street, near Avenue C ; also the contract between the School Officers of the Eleventh Ward of the first part, William B. Rhodes, as principal of the second part, and William S. See and William H. Mapes, as sureties of the third part, for the mason work of the said New Primary School-House in Fourth street ; also the contract between the School Officers of the Twelfth Ward of the first part, G. M. Conklin, as principal of the second part, and William Walsh and John Braden of the third part, as sureties for the carpenter work of a new School-House at Tubby Hook—which contracts are now on file in the Clerk's office, be, and the same are hereby approved.

NELSON J. WATERBURY,	} Finance Committee.
ALBERT SMITH,	
GEO. H. CLARK,	

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative.

On motion, Document No. 14, relating to the organization of the Free Academy, was taken from the table for consideration.

Mr. LECOMTE moved to reconsider the action of the Board at its session July 15, on the said Document.

Mr. PRESIDENT decided that the motion of Mr. Lecomte was not in order.

Mr. BENEDICT appealed from the decision of the President, and called for the yeas and nays on the appeal.

Mr. PRESIDENT then put the question whether the decision of the Chair shall stand as the judgment of the Board, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

*Yeas*—Messrs. Perry, Eager, Denike, Tweed, Bootman, Lydecker, White, Williams, Mackean, Scofield, Boese, I. W. Smith, Baldwin, Gray, Ranney—15.

*Nays*—Messrs. Niven, Lecomte, Shine, Roche, Sinclair, A. Smith, Clark, Burlew, Benedict, Haskett, Henry, Farley—12.

On motion of Mr. LECOMTE, the said Document No. 14 was recommitted.

Mr. WATERBURY presented the report of the Committee on Elections and Qualifications, with the following resolutions annexed :

*Resolved*, That Charles P. Johnson is hereby appointed as Trustee of Common Schools for the Sixteenth Ward, in place of Jeremiah E. Carey, resigned.

*Resolved*, That James Murphy is hereby appointed as Trustee of Common Schools for the Seventh Ward, in place of Thomas Williams, Jr., resigned.

NELSON J. WATERBURY,	} Committee on
AND. J. PERRY,	
WM. JAY HASKETT,	
	} Elections and
	} Qualifications.

Mr. I. W. SMITH moved to recommit so much of the report and resolutions as relates to the Sixteenth Ward. Carried.

Mr. PRESIDENT then put the question whether the Board would agree with the resolution relating to the Seventh Ward, and it was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. SINCLAIR moved to reconsider the vote on that part of the report and resolution relating so the Sixteenth Ward. Carried.

Mr. PRESIDENT then put the question whether the Board would agree with that part of the report and resolution relating to the Sixteenth Ward, and it was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. AULD presented the communication from the School Officers of the First Ward nominating Michael Brennan, as Trustee of Common Schools for said ward, in place of Andrew

J. Perry, elected a Commissioner of the Board of Education from said ward ; and also nominating Nicholas Dimond, as Trustee of Common Schools, in place of Jonas B. Bartlett, whose office was declared vacant for non-attendance at three stated meetings of the Board of Trustees of said ward.

*Ordered*, That said communication be referred to the Committee on Elections and Qualifications.

Mr. DAVENPORT presented the report of the Committee on Supplies, with the following resolution annexed:

*Resolved*, That the awards for supplies to be furnished to the Schools for one year, commencing from the first instant, as submitted by the Committee on Supplies, be, and the same are, hereby approved ; and that the Clerk is hereby directed to execute contracts with the several parties to whom said awards have been made, at the prices proposed by them, and in accordance with the advertised proposals of the Committee, and the By-Laws of this Board.

J. DAVENPORT,	} Committee on Supplies.
THOS. BOESE,	
GEO. WHITE,	
TERRENCE FARLEY,	

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. PERRY—

*Ordered*, That the said report be printed. (Document No. 17.)

On motion of Mr. BENEDICT—

*Resolved*, That so much of the By-Laws of this Board as forms part of Document No. 14 be referred to the Executive Committee on the Free Academy, to consider the propriety of amending the same, so as to conform to the printed manual, or otherwise.

Mr. WATERBURY, from the Special Committee on Resolutions in relation to the decease of the late Dr. Hugh Sweeney, reported the following:

*Resolved*, That the Board of Education have learned with deep regret of the death of Dr. Hugh Sweeney, who was for ten years a respected member of this Board ; and that we condole

with his family and friends in the sad bereavment they have sustained in the loss of one justly esteemed for his warm and excellent heart; and with all interested in the great cause of public education, in the departure of one of its most faithful and efficient advocates; and that a copy of this resolution, duly attested, be transmitted to the family of the deceased.

Mr. BENEDICT said :

Mr. President,—I cannot let this occasion pass with a mere silent vote in honor of the memory of one with whom I was associated so many years in this branch of the public service—who had been personally known to me for many years previous to his becoming a member of this body, and whose excellent qualities always secured for him the respect of all who knew his quiet and unostentatious virtues, his sterling sense and his conscientious discharge of his duties. Dr. Sweeney was a true man, as well in public as in private life. The practice of his profession, of course, often kept him from his place in the Board; but when he was permitted to be here, it was always to exhibit his enlightened, unwavering and deep interest in the cause of public education. Having come into this Board at its original organization, all the circumstances of his position being considered, it was great merit in him that his attachment to this great cause was as open as it was sincere and patriotic; and avowed as it was under circumstances when he might have been pardoned for being silent, it was manifested in broad and generous views, when with a feebler devotion to it, or with a less balanced and independent mind, he might have attempted to lead its wholesome streams into narrower channels, or to make it a more restricted and unequal blessing.

Mr. President, I second the resolution.

Mr. SINCLAIR said :

Mr. President,—It would seem proper that, on the present occasion, I should add my feeble voice in praise of the many virtues of the lamented deceased. It was my good fortune to have been associated with Dr. Sweeny, for a length of time, in the local Board of School Officers of the Sixth Ward. At that period, and for many successive years, that gentleman represented with marked fidelity and credit that Ward in this Board,

and filled the seat which I now occupy. He was a good and kind man, sincerely beloved by all who knew him; an ardent and devoted friend to public education, and one of the earliest advocates of the present Public School system; a gentleman of education, benevolence, and of the strictest integrity.

In his decease, public education has lost one of its warmest friends and devotees, and society one of its brightest ornaments. Too much cannot be said in his praise.

Mr. BOESE said:

Mr. President,—It may appear superfluous to prolong the remarks which have already been made, complimentary to the life and services of the deceased. I had the pleasure of knowing Dr. Sweeney intimately for a number of years, and I feel that I cannot permit the present occasion to pass, without adding my testimony to that of the gentlemen who have preceded me, in favor of his many virtues.

As a medical practitioner, he was an ornament to his profession; as a friend, warm and sincere; as a citizen, enterprising and patriotic; and as an active promoter of our present system of popular education, there were none that excelled him in the strength of his attachments, and the ardor of his devotion, to its best interests. In all the relations of life, both private and public, he was sincerely honored and esteemed, and it is not often that the community are called to mourn the loss of one possessing so many amiable qualities of both mind and heart as did he, whose recent departure from among us by the hand of death we sincerely deplore.

"None knew him but to love him; none named him but to praise."

Regarding the resolution of the Committee as justly due to the memory of the deceased, I trust it will be cordially and unanimously adopted by this Board.

The resolution, as reported by the Committee, was then unanimously adopted.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1857.

### STATED SESSION.

*Present*—Andrew H. Green, Esq., President, and Commissioners Perry, Auld, Hooper, Lecomte, Ware, Shine, Tuthill, Eager, Sinclair, Denike, Tweed, Bootman, Lydecker, A. Smith, Slote, White, Williams, Mackean, Scofield, Boese, Benedict, I. W. Smith, Henry, Fellows, Baldwin, Neilson, Gray, Farley, Davenport—30.

*Absent*—Commissioners Niven, Avery, Roche, Haines, Clark, Rollins, Brooker, Burlew, Haskett, Waterbury, Monteith, Ranney, Edwards—13.

The Journal of the last two meetings was read and approved.

Mr. **MACKEAN** presented a communication from the Board of School Officers of the Twelfth Ward, with the following resolutions annexed :

*Resolved*, That the Board of Education be requested to make an appropriation of \$135 15 to pay for extra work on Ward School No. 39, viz., \$45 to H. W. Taylor, carpenter ; and \$90 15 to Theodore Hunt, mason ; the same having been approved by this Board, and certified as correct by the Superintendent of Buildings.

On motion—

*Ordered*, That said communication be referred to the Finance Committee.

Mr. **MACKEAN** presented a communication from the Board of School Officers of the Twelfth Ward, with the following resolutions annexed :

*Resolved*, That in the opinion of this Board, a Primary School should be established at or about One Hundred and Eighty-second street and the King's Bridge Road,



*Resolved*, That application be made to the Board of Education for permission to establish said Primary School.

On motion—

*Ordered*, That said communication be referred to the Committee on New Schools.

Mr. MACKEAN presented a communication from the Board of School Officers of the Twelfth Ward, with the following resolution annexed :

*Resolved*, That application be made to the Board of Education to establish a Female Evening School in Ward School-House No. 43 at Manhattanville.

On motion—

*Ordered*, That said communication be referred to the Evening School Committee, with power.

Mr. SINCLAIR presented a communication from the Board of School Officers of the Sixth Ward, and moved a suspension of the rules to enable him to offer the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the sum of \$1,929 is hereby appropriated to furnish and fit up with desks, seats, settees, &c., the new Primary School-House, in Mott street, near Walker, in the Sixth Ward, according to plans and specifications on file in the Clerk's Office of the Board of Education, the work and materials to be done and furnished under the direction of the Superintendent of School Buildings, but no part of said money to be paid until the work has been completed to the satisfaction of the School Officers of the Sixth Ward, and the Superintendent of School Buildings, whose certificate to that effect must be filed in the Clerk's Office aforesaid.

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with said motion, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

*Yeas*—Messrs. Perry, Auld, Hooper, Lecomte, Shine, Tut-hill, Eager, Sinclair, Denike, Tweed, Bootman, Lydecker, A. Smith, Slote, White, Williams, Mackean, Scofield, Benedict, Henry, Fellows, Baldwin, Neilson, Gray, Farley—25.

*Nay*—Mr. I. W. Smith—1.

Mr. DAVENPORT moved to refer the subject to the Finance Committee. Lost.

Mr. PRESIDENT then put the question whether the Board

would agree with said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

*Yeas*—Messrs. Perry, Auld, Hooper, Lecomte, Shine, Tut-hill, Eager, Sinclair, Denike, Tweed, Bootman, Lydecker, A. Smith, Slote, White, Williams, Mackean, Scofield, Boese, Benedict, Henry, Baldwin, Neilson, Gray, Farley, Davenport—26.

*Nay*—Mr. Green—1.

Mr. DAVENPORT presented a communication from the School Officers of the Twenty-first Ward, in relation to altering and enlarging Ward School No. 14, in said Ward, and moved a suspension of the rules to enable him to offer the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the School Officers of the Twenty-first Ward be, and they are hereby authorized to advertise for proposals for the alteration of Ward School Building No. 14, in said ward, according to the plans and specifications on file in the Clerk's office.

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the said motion, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

*Ayes*—Messrs. Perry, Hooper, Lecomte, Eager, Sinclair, Bootman, A. Smith, Slote, White, Williams, Mackean, Scofield, Benedict, I. W. Smith, Henry, Baldwin, Neilson, Gray, Farley, Davenport—20.

*Nays*—Messrs. Shine, Denike, Tweed—3.

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. DAVENPORT,—

*Resolved*, That the President and Clerk be, and they are hereby authorized to sign a warrant for the payment of the bills of Richard Kelly, for \$129 and \$39; said bills being audited and approved by the School Officers of the Twenty-first Ward.

Mr. DAVENPORT presented a communication from John Stephenson, asking to be reimbursed for expenses incurred in the suit of Timothy McAuliffe.

*Ordered*, That said communication be referred to the Finance Committee.

Mr. PRESIDENT laid before the Board the Monthly Report of the City Superintendent of Schools.

*Ordered*, That said report be laid on the table, and printed. (Document No. 18.)

Mr. PRESIDENT appointed Mr. Fellows a member of the Committee on Elections and Qualifications, in place of David B. Kerr, resigned.

Mr. SLOTE presented a communication from the School Officers of the Tenth Ward, inviting the Board to attend the opening of the new Ward School-House No. 20, in said ward, on Friday morning, the 9th instant.

On motion—

*Ordered*, That said invitation be accepted.

Mr. SHINE presented a communication from the School Officers of the Fourth Ward, relative to purchasing a site for a School-House in said ward.

Mr. WARE moved to lay said communication on the table. Lost.

On motion of Mr. SINCLAIR—

*Ordered*, That said communication be received, and placed on file.

Mr. PRESIDENT presented his objections to signing several bills.

On motion—

*Ordered*, That the bill of Hiram Anderson for \$112 12; of James Holden, for \$299 14; of Wm. M. Tweed, for \$1; of the Eastern Congregational Church, for \$180; and of the German Presbyterian Church, for \$100, be referred to the Finance Committee; and that the bill of J. G. Semon, for \$110 13, be referred to the Committee on Repairs.

Mr. TUTHILL offered for adoption the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the President and Clerk be, and they are hereby directed to draw a warrant in favor of J. G. Semon, for \$110 13, for extra painting on Ward School No. 44, in the Fifth Ward; the bill for the same having been audited and approved by the School Officers of said ward.

On motion—

*Ordered*, That said resolution be referred to the Finance Committee.

Mr. TWEED offered for adoption the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the President and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to sign a check, for the payment of the bill of W. H. Arthur & Co., for \$127 50; the same having been duly audited by the School Officers of the Seventh Ward and placed on file in the office of the Clerk.

On motion—

*Ordered*, That said resolution be referred to the Finance Committee.

Mr. TWEED offered for adoption the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the action of the Board of Trustees of the Seventh Ward, in the hiring of premises from the Eastern Congregational Church, and the German Presbyterian Church, for the temporary accommodation of Ward School No. 31, be, and the same is hereby approved, and the President and Clerk are requested to sign warrants for the payment of the rent of said premises, upon the amount thereof being duly audited by the Board of Trustees.

On motion—

*Ordered*, That said resolution be referred to the Finance Committee.

On motion of Mr. SINCLAIR—

*Resolved*, That the salary of Charles Reilly, Janitor of the Hall of the Board of Education, be fixed at \$750 per annum, to take effect from the first of October, 1857.

On motion of Mr. BENEDICT—

*Resolved*, That the salary of Washington M. Smith, late Principal of Grammar School No. 35, up to the time when his successor shall enter upon his duties, be paid to his only sister, Mrs. Weiners.

On motion of Mr. WILLIAMS—

*Resolved*, That Joseph R. Anderson be, and he is hereby appointed a tutor in the Free Academy, in place of Russell Sturges, Jr., resigned, at a yearly salary of five hundred dollars, to take effect from the 15th September.

On motion of Mr. PERRY—

*Resolved*, That the President and Clerk be, and they are hereby authorized and directed to draw a warrant in favor of F. & F. D. Clark, for \$69 50, for chairs furnished for Ward School No. 29, in said Ward, the bill having been duly examined and approved by the School Officers of said ward.

Mr. DAVENPORT presented the report of the Normal School Committee.

*Ordered*, That said report be laid on the table and printed, (Document No. 19.)

Mr. WILLIAMS presented the following report of the Executive Committee on the Free Academy :

TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION :

The Executive Committee of the Free Academy, to which was recommitteed Document No. 14, being a report of said Committee, proposing amendments to the By-Laws of the Board, relating to the Free Academy, respectfully report :—

That the subject recommitteed had received the careful consideration of the Committee before it was presented to the Board, and they have found no new reasons to change their views in regard to the plan as originally reported.

With regard to so much of the said document as has been adopted by the Board of Education, and become a by-law, the Committee respectfully recommend that it be adhered to. They further respectfully recommend that the balance of the document be adopted complete, as reported by the Committee, as they are well convinced, that it will facilitate the operations of the Academy, simplify its administration, and promote its usefulness.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

October 6, 1857.

A. V. WILLIAMS,	} Executive Committee.
S. BALDWIN,	
L. RANNEY,	
JAMES M. TUTHILL,	
THOS. BOESE,	
RICHD. C. FELLOWS,	

On motion, said report was laid on the table, for the purpose of receiving a report from the Finance Committee.

Mr. A. SMITH presented a report of the Finance Committee, recommending the adoption of the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the Comptroller of the city be, and he is hereby requested to authorize the City Chamberlain to place in the City Treasury the sum of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, subject to the drafts of the Board of Education, as follows : Seventy-five thousand dollars on and after the eighth day of October, instant, and seventy-five thousand dollars on and after the 15th day of October instant.

JOHN HOPPER,	} Committee.
ALBERT SMITH,	
RICHARD C. FELLOWS,	

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. BENEDICT, the reports of the Executive Committee on the Free Academy (Documents Nos. 10 and 14), were referred to the Committee of the Whole.

On motion, the Board resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the said reports of the Committee on the Free Academy, (Documents Nos. 10 and 14.)

After some time spent thereon, Mr. DAVENPORT, Chairman of said Committee, reported that the Committee, after making several amendments, had adopted the report, and, as amended, recommended it to the Board of Education for adoption, in the following form, to wit:—

Strike out Art. 16, § 3, of the Manual of 1856, and substitute

§ 3. ORGANIZATION OF THE FREE ACADEMY.

DEPARTMENTS.	SUBJECTS.	COLLATERAL SUBJECTS.
<i>Philosophies</i>	{ Moral Philosophy. Intellectual Philosophy. Political Philosophy.	
<i>English Language.</i>	{ English Language and Literature, comprising General Grammar, English Grammar, Etymology, Synonymy, Composition.	
<i>Ancient Languages</i>	{ Latin Language and Literature. Greek Language and Literature.	
<i>Modern Languages</i>	{ French Language and Literature. German Language and Literature. Spanish Language and Literature.	
<i>History and Belles-Lettres.</i>	{ History. Composition, Rhetoric, Oratory.	
<i>Pure Mathematics</i>	{ Algebra. Geometry. Trigonometry and its Applications. Analytical Geometry. Descriptive Geometry. Differential and Integral Calculus.	} Drawing.

<i>Mixed Mathematics</i>	{			{		
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<i>Physical Sciences.</i>	{			{		
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Strike out Article 16, § 4, of the Manual of 1856, and substitute—

§ 4. The above named subjects shall be taught in the Free Academy by the following Academic officers :—

The Principal, who shall be Professor of Moral, Intellectual' and Political Philosophy.

A Professor of English Language and Literature.

A Professor of the Latin and Greek Languages and Literatures.

A Professor of French Language and Literature.

A Professor of German Language and Literature.

A Professor of Spanish Language and Literature.

A Professor of History and Belles-Lettres.

A Professor of Pure Mathematics.

A Professor of Mixed Mathematics.

A Professor of Chemistry and Physics.

A Professor of Natural History and Physiology.

A Professor of Drawing.

An Adjunct Professor in the Department of Philosophies.

An Adjunct Professor in the Department of Mathematics.

And as many Tutors as may be from time to time required.

Strike out Article 16, § 5, of the Manual of 1856, and substitute—

§ 5. The Faculty shall consist of the Professors who, conformably to § 3, are at the head of the following departments:—

Philosophies.

English Language.

Ancient Languages.

Modern Languages.

History and Belles-Lettres.

Pure Mathematics.

Mixed Mathematics.

Physical Sciences.

They shall meet at the Academy during term time, semi-monthly, at such time as shall be fixed by them, and at such other times as they may be called together by the Principal, to consult and act on such matters as may be brought before them. They shall keep minutes of their proceedings. The Principal shall be President of the Faculty, and they shall appoint one of their number as Secretary. Each member shall be entitled to but one vote, whatever be the number of subjects and instructors represented by him in his department; but when matters relating to a subject, the professor of which is not a member of the Faculty, shall be under consideration, its professor shall be duly notified to be present, and shall have the rights and powers of members of the Faculty at such meetings. All communications from the Academy to the Executive Committee shall be forwarded through the Faculty, and be entered on their minutes.

§ 6 To read as Art. 16, § 5, of the Manual of 1856.

§ 7	"	"	§ 6,	"	"	"
§ 8	"	"	§ 4,	"	"	"
§ 9	"	"	§ 8,	"	"	"

Art. 16, § 18, of the Manual of 1856, the seventh line from below, after the word "four," insert—

The Professor of History and Belles-Lettres shall be employed in the Department of English Language, when not engaged in teaching in his own department. The Professor of Drawing shall teach Descriptive Geometry in the Department of Pure Mathematics, when not engaged with his classes in Drawing.

*Resolved*, That Dr. Webster be appointed head of the Department of Philosophies.

That Prof. Barton be appointed head of the Department of English Language.

That Dr. Owen be appointed head of the Department of Ancient Languages.

That Prof. Roemer be appointed head of the Department of Modern Languages.

That Prof. Anthon be appointed head of Department of History and Belles-Lettres.

That Dr. Docharty be appointed head of the Department of Pure Mathematics.

That Prof. Nichols be appointed head of the Department of Mixed Mathematics.

That Dr. Gibbs be appointed head of the Department of Physical Sciences.



That Joel T. Benedict be appointed Adjunct Professor in the Department of Mathematics.

That Assistant Professor Huntsman be appointed Adjunct Professor in the Department of Philosophies.

That J. Oakley Nodine be appointed Registrar and Librarian.

*Modes of Compensation.*

Principal.....	\$3,500
Vice-Principal.....	3,000
Professors that are employed the full time in the Academy.....	2,250
Registrar and Librarian.....	1,500
Tutors hereafter appointed.....	500

The Professors of Spanish and of Natural History to be compensated in proportion to the time engaged in instruction, at the rate of one-fifth of the full salary of \$2,250, for every hour employed per day, but they shall receive not less than \$1,000 each per annum.

Art. 16, § 15, add at the end thereof :

“ The full course of modern languages shall comprise French, German and Spanish. The order in which they shall be pursued to be at the option of the student on commencing the course.

“ The full course of ancient languages shall comprise Latin Greek and any modern language at the option of the student.

“ The partial course of languages shall comprise any language or languages, at the option of the student, either as pursued in the full course, or in a special course of one year, intended for such students as may have immediate occasion for the use of any of the abovenamed languages.”

That the course of studies in Art. 16, § 16, be altered so as to correspond with the following schedule :

### Schedule

Of the number of Recitations per week in the department of foreign languages for each class and term of the Academic year.

#### MODERN COURSE.

	INTRODUCTORY.		FRESHMAN.		SOPHOMORE.		JUNIOR.		SENIOR.	
	1st Term.	2d Term.	1st Term.	2d Term.	1st Term.	2d Term.	1st Term.	2d Term.	1st Term.	2d Term.
Either French,...	5	5	3	2	2	2	..	..	..	..
German, or...	..	..	2	3	3	2	4	..	..	..
Spanish,.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	5	5

#### ANCIENT COURSE.

	INTRODUCTORY.		FRESHMAN.		SOPHOMORE.		JUNIOR.		SENIOR.	
	1st Term.	2d Term.	1st Term.	2d Term.	1st Term.	2d Term.	1st Term.	2d Term.	1st Term.	2d Term.
Latin,.....	5	5	3	2	2	2	2	1	Latin or Greek once a week.	
Greek,.....	..	..	2	3	3	2	2	1		
Any Modern Language at option,.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	4

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the Report of the Committee of the whole, and it was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. PRESIDENT appointed the following Committees, viz. :

To confer with the Commission appointed by the Governor to examine the Common School System of this City,—Messrs. Waterbury, Lecomte, Lydecker, Benedict, and Haskett.

To prepare a Manual of Instruction adapted to the Ward Schools of the City,—Messrs. David B. Scott, Thomas F. Harrison, Michael J. O'Donnell ; and Misses Sarah A. Bunker, and Emily Kennedy.

*The Board then adjourned.*



## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1857.

### STATED SESSION.

*Present*—Andrew H. Green, Esq., President, and Commissioners Perry, Hooper, Lecomte, Shine, Tuthill, Eager, Roche, Sinclair, Denike, Tweed, Bootman, A. Smith, Haines, Slote, Clark, White, Williams, Mackean, Brooker, Scofield, Boese, Benedict, I. W. Smith, Haskett, Henry, Fellows, Baldwin, Neilson, Gray, Waterbury, Monteith, Ranney, Davenport, Doherty—35.

*Absent*—Commissioners Auld, Niven, Avery, Ware, Lydecker, Rollins, Burlew, Farley, Edwards—9.

The Journal of the last session was read.

Mr. LECOMTE moved to strike out all after the sixth line on page 175. Lost.

Mr. DAVENPORT moved that the Journal be amended on page 179, by striking out of the eleventh line (from the bottom) the words, *agree with*, and inserting the word, *accept*.

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the said motion, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

*Ayes*—Messrs. Perry, Hooper, Lecomte, Eager, Haines, Slote, White, Brooker, Scofield, Green, Benedict, Haskett, Henry, Neilson, Gray, Waterbury, Monteith, Davenport—18.

*Nays*—Messrs. Tuthill, Sinclair, Denike, Bootman, Williams, Mackean, Boese, I. W. Smith, Fellows, Baldwin, Ranney—11.

The Journal was approved as amended.

By consent, Mr. WATERBURY presented the report of the

Committee on Elections and Qualifications, recommending the adoption of the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That John Doherty be, and he is appointed a Commissioner of Common Schools, in and for the Twenty-second Ward, in place of David B. Kerr, resigned.

A. J. PERRY,	} Committee.
ISAAC WM. SMITH,	
RICHARD C. FELLOWS,	

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the resolution reported by the Committee, and it was decided in the affirmative.

The Clerk administered the oath of office to Mr. DOHERTY, and he took his seat as a member of the Board.

Mr. TWEED presented a communication from the School Officers of the Seventh Ward, in relation to furnishing Ward School No. 31, in Monroe street.

By consent, Mr. TWEED presented the report of the Committee on School Furniture on the same subject, with the following resolution annexed :

*Resolved*, That the sum of \$4928 54 be, and the same is hereby appropriated for fitting up and furnishing Ward School No. 31, in Monroe street, in the Seventh Ward, with desks, chairs, settees, stoves, &c., the same to be done agreeably to plans and specifications on file in the Clerk's office ; but no part of the money to be paid until the work has been done to the satisfaction of the School Officers of said Ward and the Superintendent of School Buildings, whose certificate to that effect must be filed in the Clerk's office.

WM. M. TWEED,	} Committee.
PROVOST S. HAINES,	
JONATHAN L. SCOFIELD,	
JAMES MACKEAN,	

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

*Ayes*—Messrs. Perry, Hooper, Eager, Roche, Sinclair, Denike, Tweed, Bootman, Haines, Slote, Clark, White, Brooker, Scofield, Benedict, I. W. Smith, Haskett, Henry, Fellows, Gray, Waterbury, Monteith, Ranney, Davenport, Doherty—  
25.

Mr. SLOTE presented a communication from the School Officers of the Tenth Ward, in relation to the bills for extra work on Ward School No. 20.

*Ordered,* That said communication be referred to the Finance Committee.

Mr. BENEDICT presented the Annual Report of the Inspectors of Common Schools for the Fifteenth Ward.

*Ordered,* That said report be placed on file.

Mr. PRESIDENT laid before the Board a communication from Professor A. Patze, in relation to teaching the German language in the schools.

*Ordered,* That said communication be referred to the Committee on the Free Academy.

Mr. PRESIDENT presented the case of Miss Hebbard, a teacher in Ward School No. 39, Twelfth Ward, stating that objections had been made to the payment of her salary, on the ground of relationship to one of the trustees of said Ward.

On motion of Mr. WHITE—

*Ordered,* That the President and Clerk be instructed to pay the salary of Miss Hebbard.

Mr. WILLIAMS presented the Annual Report of the operations of the Free Academy to the Board of Regents of the University of the State.

*Ordered,* That the said report and resolutions be adopted and printed.

Mr. WILLIAMS presented the report of the Executive Committee on the Free Academy, with the following resolution annexed :

*Resolved,* That Adolph Werner be, and is hereby appointed a tutor in the Free Academy.

A. V. WILLIAMS,	} Committee.
SIMEON BALDWIN,	
JAMES M. TUTHILL,	
LAFAYETTE RANNEY,	
THOMAS BOESE,	

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative.

**Mr. Tweed** presented the report of the Committee on School Furniture, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions :

*Resolved*, That the sum of \$5,242 be and the same is hereby appropriated to furnish the new School House in the Twentieth Ward, on Twenty-eighth street, near the Ninth avenue, with desks, benches, tables, clocks, carpet, piano-forte, &c., and fitting up the same, the articles to be furnished and the work to be done under the direction of the Superintendent of School Buildings, and according to the specifications here annexed ; but no part of the money to be paid until said articles have been furnished and said work completed to the satisfaction of the School Officers of said Ward and the Superintendent of School Buildings, whose certificate to that effect must be filed in the Clerk's office.

*Resolved*, That the sum of six hundred and ten dollars be and is hereby appropriated to pay for sliding doors, ceiling under stairs, iron railing, and extra work, as certified under contracts, this amount not to be paid until the certificate of the School Officers and the Superintendent of School Buildings is on file in the Clerk's office.

W. M. TWEED,	} Committee.
JAMES MACKEAN,	
J. L. SCOTFIELD,	

**Mr. President** put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolutions, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

*Ayes*—Messrs. Hooper, Lecomte, Shine, Tuthill, Eager, Roche, Sinclair, Tweed, Bootman, Haines, Sloté, Clark, White, Williams, Mackean, Brooker, Scofield, Benedict, I. W. Smith, Haskett, Henry, Fellows, Baldwin, Gray, Waterbury, Monteith, Ranney, Davenport, Doherty—28.

**Mr. Mackean** presented the report of the Committee on School Furniture, with the following resolution annexed :

*Resolved*, That the sum of four hundred and twenty-five dollars be and is hereby appropriated to furnish the new class rooms in Ward School No. 41 ; that the work be done under the direction of the Superintendent of School Buildings, and that no part of said money shall be paid until the work is completed, and the certificate of the School Officers and the Superintendent of School Buildings shall be on file in the Clerk's office.

W. M. TWEED,	} Committee.
JAMES MACKEAN,	
J. L. SCOTFIELD,	

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

*Ayes*—Messrs. Hooper, Shine, Tuthill, Eager, Roche, Sinclair, Tweed, A. Smith, Haines, Slote, Clark, White, Williams, Mackean, Brooker, Scofield, Benedict, I. W. Smith, Haskett, Henry, Fellows, Baldwin, Gray, Waterbury, Monteith, Ranney, Doherty—26.

Mr. WATERBURY presented the report of the Finance Committee, with the following resolution annexed :

*Resolved*, That the sums hereinafter mentioned be and the same are hereby appropriated out of the School moneys of 1857, for the purposes named, to wit :

For books, stationery, and other supplies for the Ward Schools.....	\$5,000
For rent of premises occupied for school purposes.....	1,500
For current expenses of the Ward Schools, exclusive of teachers' salaries.....	10,000

NELSON J. WATERBURY,	} Committee.
GEO. H. CLARK,	
ALBERT SMITH,	
JOHN HOOPER,	
RICHARD C. FELLOWS,	

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

*Ayes*—Messrs. Hooper, Shine, Tuthill, Eager, Roche, Sinclair, Tweed, A. Smith, Haines, Slote, Clark, White, Williams, Mackean, Brooker, Scofield, Green, Benedict, I. W. Smith, Haskett, Henry, Fellows, Baldwin, Gray, Waterbury, Monteith—26.

Mr. WATERBURY presented the report of the Finance Committee, recommending the adoption of the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars is hereby appropriated for the purchase of a piano-forte for the Female Grammar Department of Colored School number one, upon the terms and conditions set forth in the resolution adopted by this Board on the 15th day of July last.

NELSON J. WATERBURY,	} Committee.
JOHN HOOPER,	
GEO. H. CLARK,	
ALBERT SMITH,	



Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows:

*Ayes*—Messrs. Hooper, Lecomte, Shine, Tuthill, Eager, Roche, Sinclair, Tweed, Bootman, A. Smith, Slote, Clark, White, Williams, Mackean, Brooker, Boese, Benedict, I. W. Smith, Haskett, Henry, Gray, Waterbury, Monteith, Davenport—25.

Mr. WATERBURY presented the report of the Finance Committee in favor of adopting the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the sum of \$281 is hereby appropriated in the matter of Ward School No. 31, to pay the bills of the Eastern Congregational Church, \$180, and of the German Presbyterian Church \$100, for rent of premises occupied by the several departments of Ward School No. 31, and to reimburse Wm. M. Tweed the sum of one dollar paid by him for advertising.

NELSON J. WATERBURY,	} Finance Committee.
GEO. H. CLARK,	
ALBERT SMITH,	
JOHN HOOPER,	

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows:

*Ayes*—Messrs. Hooper, Lecomte, Shine, Tuthill, Eager, Roche, Sinclair, Tweed, A. Smith, Haines, Slote, White, Williams, Mackean, Scofield, Boese, Green, Benedict, I. W. Smith, Haskett, Henry, Fellows, Baldwin, Gray, Waterbury, Ranney—27.

Mr. WATERBURY presented the report of the Finance Committee, with the following resolutions annexed:

*Resolved*, That the sum of one hundred dollars is hereby appropriated to pay the bill of Thomas R. Jackson, for plans and specifications for the addition to Ward School No. 44, in the Fifth Ward.

*Resolved*, That no payments be made for drawing plans or specifications for, or for superintending the erection of, additions to school buildings, or the enlargement, alteration or repairs of existing buildings in any case in which the work shall be hereafter performed.

NELSON J. WATERBURY,	} Finance Committee.
JOHN HOOPER,	
ALBERT SMITH,	

**Mr. PRESIDENT** put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

*Ayes*—Messrs. Hooper, Shine, Tuthill, Eager, Roche, Tweed, Bootman, A. Smith, Slote, Clark, White, Williams, Mackean, Scofield, Boese, Benedict, I. W. Smith, Henry, Waterbury, Monteith, Ranney, Davenport—22.

*Nays*—Messrs. Brooker, Green, Gray—3.

**Mr. WATERBURY** presented the report of the Finance Committee, with the following resolution annexed :

*Resolved*, That the sum of \$254 40 is hereby appropriated to pay the bills of Messrs. Philbin & Quin, for building a drain from Ward School No. 20, in Chrystie street, to connect with the sewer in Delancy street.

NELSON J. WATERBURY,	} Finance Committee.
GEO. H. CLARK,	
ALBERT SMITH,	
JOHN HOOPER,	
RICHARD C. FELLOWS,	

**Mr. PRESIDENT** put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

*Ayes*—Messrs. Hooper, Lecomte, Shine, Tuthill, Eager, Roche, Sinclair, A. Smith, Haines, Slote, Clark, White, Williams, Mackean, Brooker, Scofield, Benedict, I. W. Smith, Haskett, Henry, Baldwin, Gray, Waterbury, Monteith, Ranney, Doherty—25.

**Mr. WATERBURY** presented a report of the Finance Committee, recommending the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the contracts between the School Officers of the Fifteenth Ward, of the first part, and Thomas W. McLeay, of the second part, for painting Ward School No. 35 ; and between the said School Officers of the first part, and L. W. Armstrong, of the second part, as principal, and Theodore Hunt and Frederick McReady, of the third part, as sureties, for the mason's work on the alteration of Ward School No. 35 ; and between the said School Officers of the first part, Keyser & Berrian of the second part, as principals, and Isaiah Rodgers and Thomas Utter of the third part, as sureties, for the

carpenter's work on said alteration of Ward School No. 35, be and the same are hereby severally approved.

NELSON J. WATERBURY, GEO. H. CLARK, RICHARD C. FELLOWS, ALBERT SMITH, JOHN HOOPER,	}	Finance Committee.
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Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. WATERBURY presented a report of the Finance Committee, with the following resolution annexed :

*Resolved*, That the sum of one hundred and thirty-five  $\frac{1}{10}$  dollars is hereby appropriated to pay the bills of H. W. Taylor, \$45; and Theodore Hunt, \$90  $\frac{1}{10}$ , for extra work at Ward School No. 39, in the Twelfth Ward.

NELSON J. WATERBURY, GEO. H. CLARK, ALBERT SMITH, JOHN HOOPER, RICHARD C. FELLOWS,	}	Finance Committee.
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Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

*Ayes*—Messrs. Hooper, Lecomte, Shine, Tuthill, Eager, Roche, Sinclair, A. Smith, Haines, Slote, Clark, White, Williams, Mackean, Brooker, Scofield, Benedict, I. W. Smith, Haskett, Henry, Baldwin, Gray, Waterbury, Monteith, Ranney, Doherty—25.

Mr. EAGER presented the report of the Committee on Repairs, with the following resolution annexed :

*Resolved*, That the sum of \$110 13 be, and the same is hereby appropriated, for the payment of J. G. Semon's bill, for extra work in painting Ward School No. 44, the same having been duly audited and allowed by the School Officers of the Fifth Ward.

ABRAHAM DENIKE, E. BOOTMAN, WM. B. EAGER, Jr., WALTER ROCHE,	}	Committee on Repairs.
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Mr. SINCLAIR moved that the said report be recommitted.  
*Lost.*

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

*Ayes*—Messrs. Shine, Tuthill, Eager, Roche, Tweed, Bootman, A. Smith, Haines, Slote, Clark, White, Williams, Mackean, Scofield, Benedict, I. W. Smith, Haskett, Henry, Baldwin, Gray, Waterbury, Monteith, Ranney, Davenport—24.

*Nays*—Messrs. Sinclair, Brooker—2.

Mr. NEILSON presented the report of the Committee on New Schools, recommending the adoption of the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That it is expedient to organize a new Primary School in the vicinity of One Hundred and Eighty-second street and the King's Bridge road, in the Twelfth Ward.

WILLIAM H. NEILSON,	} Committee.
SIMEON BALDWIN,	
V. N. LECOMTE,	
GEO. H. CLARK,	

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

*Ayes*—Messrs. Hooper, Lecomte, Shine, Tuthill, Eager, Roche, Sinclair, Tweed, Bootman, A. Smith, Slote, Clark, White, Williams, Mackean, Brooker, Boese, Green, Benedict, I. W. Smith, Henry, Baldwin, Gray, Ranney, Davenport—25.

On motion of Mr. MACKEAN, the matter of a site for the new Primary School in the vicinity of One Hundred and Eighty-second street was referred to the Committee on Sites and School Houses.

Mr. DAVENPORT presented a report of the Committee on Supplies, with the following resolution annexed :

*Resolved*, That the President and Clerk be, and they are hereby, authorized and directed to sign and deliver warrants for the payment of the following bills for fuel, viz.: Richard Heather, \$46; Stephen Lynch, \$96 10; D. Vores, \$37 63; James W. Bush, \$12; John Johnston, (two bills,) \$24 75; Gaylor & Rockwell, \$21 75; Taylor & Glass, \$37 00; J. McDonald, \$154 00; B. C. Wandell, \$5 75; A. Miller & Co., \$25 18; W. H. Smith, (three bills,) \$159 32; James C. Porter, \$13 50.

J. DAVENPORT,	} Committee.
GEO. WHITE,	
DANIEL SLOTE,	

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. DAVENPORT presented the report of the Committee on Supplies, with the following resolutions annexed :

*Resolved*, That the bills of Willard, Felt & Co. for blank-book, amounting to \$11 88, and F. H. Nash for tuning and repairing piano, amounting to \$2, be paid, and that the President and Clerk be authorized to sign checks for the same.

*Resolved*, That the bills of Ivison & Phinney for alphabet cards, \$10, C. H. Shepard & Co. for school books, amounting to \$21 90, and Francis & Loutrel for stationery, amounting to \$18, having been severally contracted without the authority of the Board of Education, be rejected.

J. DAVENPORT,	} Committee.
THOMAS BOESE,	
DANIEL SLOTE,	
GEO. WHITE,	

Mr. PERRY presented the report of Committee on Elections and Qualifications, with the following resolution annexed :

*Resolved*, That Robert A. Glover is hereby appointed Inspector of Common Schools for the Twelfth Ward, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Henry Patterson.

ISAAC WM. SMITH,	} Committee.
A. J. PERRY,	
RICHARD C. FELLOWS,	

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. LYDECKER presented a report of the Auditing Committee, recommending the adoption of the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the President and Clerk be authorized and directed to draw a warrant in favor of Daniel Jepson for \$65, of Albert Gilbert for \$10 49.

JOHN R. LYDECKER,	} Auditing Committee.
J. F. HENRY,	
JAMES MACKEAN,	

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. TUTHILL presented a report of the Committee on Sites and School-Houses in favor of the adoption of the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the School Officers of the Fourth Ward be and they are hereby authorized to purchase lots Nos. 71, 73 and 75 Oliver street, in said Ward, on which to erect a Ward School-House, said lots being 25 by 100 feet each, at an amount not exceeding the sum of \$31,000, and no part of the purchase money to be paid until after the first day of January, 1858, nor until satisfactory evidence has been presented to this Board that the title to said property is approved by the counsel to the Corporation of the city.

JAMES M. TUTHILL,	} Committee on Sites and School-Houses.
WILLIAM SINCLAIR,	
A. B. ROLLINS,	
EUGENE SHINE,	

On Motion—

*Ordered*, That the said report be laid on the table.

Mr. SHINE presented a communication from the School Officers of the Fourth Ward, in relation to furnishing stoves for School No. 26, in Rose street.

*Ordered*, That said communication be referred to the Committee on Warming and Ventilation, with power.

On motion of Mr. DAVENPORT, the report of the Committee on Supplies, in relation to gift-books, was taken from the table. (See page 287 of Journal, 1856.)

Mr. TWEED offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That all the bills for gift-books be referred to the Committee on Supplies, with instructions to audit those properly certified by the Ward Officers, and that the President and Clerk be directed to pay those thus audited by the said Committee.

On motion of Mr. BOESE, the Board adjourned.

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## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1857.

### STATED SESSION.

*Present*—Andrew H. Green, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hooper, Lecomte, Shine, Tuthill, Eager, Roche, Sinclair, Denike, Tweed, Bootman, Lydecker, A. Smith, Slofe, Clark, White, Williams, Mackean, Brooker, Scofield, Boese, Burlew, Benedict, I. W. Smith, Haskett, Henry, Fellows, Baldwin, Neilson, Farley, Waterbury, Ranney, Davenport—33.

*Absent*—Commissioners Perry, Auld, Niven, Avery, Ware, Haines, Rollins, Gray, Monteith, Edwards, Doherty—11.

The Journal of the last session was read and approved.

Mr. SHINE presented a communication from the School Officers of the Fourth Ward, in relation to the proposed site for a School House in said ward.

Mr. SINCLAIR moved to suspend the rules, so as to take from the table, and act upon the report of the Committee on Sites and School-Houses, on the subject of purchasing lots Nos. 71, 73 and 75 Oliver street. (See resolution on page 191 of Journal.)

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the motion of Mr. Sinclair, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows:—

*Ayes*—Messrs. Hooper, Shine, Tuthill, Eager, Roche, Sinclair, Denike, Tweed, Bootman, Lydecker, A. Smith, Slofe, Williams, Mackean, Brooker, Scofield, Boese, Green, Burlew, Benedict, Haskett, Henry, Farley—23.

*Nays*—Messrs. I. W. Smith, Ranney, Davenport—3

Mr. I. W. SMITH moved to amend the said resolution, by including authority to purchase lot No. 69 Oliver street. Lost.



Mr. LYDECKER moved to amend the resolution, by striking out the words and figures Nos. 71, 73 and 75, and the sum of \$31,000, and inserting the words and figures, Nos. 15, 17, 19 and 21, at the sum of \$36,000. Lost.

Mr. PRESIDENT then put the question, whether the Board would agree with the resolution as reported by the Committee, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows:— (See page 191.)

*Ayes*—Hooper, Lecomte, Shine, Tuthill, Eager, Roche, Sinclair, Denike, Tweed, Bootman, Lydecker, A. Smith, Sloc, White, Williams, Mackean, Brooker, Scofield, Boese, Burlew, Benedict, Haskett, Henry, Farley, Ranney—25.

*Nays*—Messrs. I. W. Smith, Neilson—2.

Mr. WHITE presented a communication from the School Officers of the Eleventh Ward, in relation to furnishing the new Primary School in Fourth street.

*Ordered*, That said communication be referred to the Committee on School Furniture.

Mr. PRESIDENT laid before the Board the Monthly Report of the City Superintendent of Schools.

*Ordered*, That said report be laid on the table, and 1,500 copies thereof printed. (Document No. 21.)

Mr. SINCLAIR moved to suspend the rules, so as to take from the table the Report of the Committee on By-Laws on the subject of printing. (See Journal, page 57.)

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the said motion, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows:—

*Ayes*—Messrs. Hooper, Lecomte, Shine, Tuthill, Roche, Sinclair, Denike, Tweed, Bootman, Lydecker, Sloc, Williams, Scofield, Green, Henry, Fellows, Baldwin, Neilson, Farley, Ranney, Davenport—21.

*Nays*—Messrs. Eager, White, Brooker, Boese, Burlew, Benedict, I. W. Smith, Haskett, Waterbury—9.

The said By-Laws reported by the Committee were, on motion, amended so as to read as follows:—

Add to section 1, article 5:—21. A Printing Committee. Add to article 10 two new sections, with numbers 8 and 9, and re-number section 8 as section 10.

Sec. 8. It shall be the duty of the Printing Committee to advertise for estimates for the printing and binding of the books, journal and documents of the Board. The specifications to require, and the estimates to state, the price for composition per thousand ems, and the price for press work per token; and the paper for such documents be of uniform quality, to be furnished under the same contract at so much per ream. Such estimates to be reported to the Board, and the Committee, when authorized, to contract for the printing and binding of the same.

Sec. 9. The usual number to be printed, of any document, shall be five hundred copies, unless otherwise ordered by the Board.

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the said By-Laws, as amended, and it was decided in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. WATERBURY, the rules were suspended, for the purpose of presenting the report of the Finance Committee.

Mr. Waterbury presented the following report of the Finance Committee:

*To the Board of Education:*

The Finance Committee respectfully submit a draft of the Annual Estimate of School Moneys, and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the annexed estimate is hereby adopted, and that the same be duly authenticated in duplicate, and transmitted to the Commissioners designated for that purpose in the City Charter, and to the Board of Supervisors.

All of which is respectively submitted.

NELSON J. WATERBURY,	} Finance Committee.
ALBERT SMITH,	
JOHN HOOPER,	
RICHARD C. FELLOWS,	

#### ANNUAL ESTIMATE.

The Board of Education hereby estimates that the sums of money which will be necessary for the purposes of public instruction in this city during the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight, will be as follows:

For the salaries of Teachers and Janitors in the Ward and Primary Schools.....	\$540,000
For the incidental expenses of said schools.....	80,000
For pianos for Grammar Schools.....	9,000
For Libraries for said schools.....	20,000
For the support of the Free Academy .....	48,000
For repairing and cleaning Free Academy building..	2,000
For the support of Normal Schools.....	15,000
For apportionment to Corporate Schools.....	28,000
For the support of Evening Schools.....	48,000
For repairs through the Shop.....	10,000
For books, stationery and other supplies.....	85,000
For rent of school premises.....	12,000
For warming and ventilating apparatus for school buildings erected in 1857.....	5,000
For sites of ground, erecting and enlarging buildings for school purposes.....	140,000
For furniture for Ward Schools.....	15,000
For the amount realized by the city for the school premises in James street, to be applied on account for a new school-house, in the Fourth Ward.....	33,013
For the salaries of the Superintendents, Clerks, and other central officers.....	24,000
For incidental expenses, including the expenses of the Hall, printing, &c.....	12,000
Total.....	<u>\$1,126,013</u>

And the Board of Education hereby reports, that after deducting from the said amount of one million and one hundred and twenty-six thousand and thirteen dollars, the sum stated in the notice referred to in the fourteenth section of the act entitled "An Act to amend, consolidate and reduce to one act, the various acts relative to Common Schools of the city of New York," passed July 3d, 1851, and the several sums of money directed to be raised by the fifteenth section of the same act, the said Board estimates that the balance will be "the amount over and above the sum specified in the fifteenth section" of the said act, "which will be required during the year,

for the purpose of meeting the current annual expenses of public instruction in said city, for purchasing, leasing and procuring sites, for erecting buildings, and for furnishing, fitting up, altering and repairing the buildings and premises under their charge, for the support of schools which shall have been organized since the last annual apportionment of school moneys made by the Board."

And the said Board further reports that there has been since the year 1854, a deficiency of the school moneys of the year to meet the necessary expenses of the same period; that said deficiency originated in that year, partially supplied, temporarily, by an advance to this Board of one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars, pursuant to a resolution of the Common Council; that a claim for the return of that advance has embarrassed the subsequent administration of the school system, and that it is therefore necessary to raise that amount by tax as a deficiency of the year 1854, and that the said sum added to the amount heretofore raised on account of that year, will be within the limitation of school revenues of the same year, prescribed by the act hereinbefore referred to.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Mr. GREEN moved to amend the item in said report for the salaries of Teachers and Janitors in the Ward and Primary Schools, by striking out \$540,000 and inserting \$569,000.

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the said motion, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows:

*Ayes*—Messrs. Lecomte, Shine, Eager, Denike, Bootman, A. Smith, Williams, Boese, Green, Benedict, Haskett, Farley, Ranney—13.

*Nays*—Messrs. Hooper, Tuthill, Sinclair, Tweed, Slot, White, Mackean, Scofield, Neilson, Waterbury, Davenport—11.

Mr. GREEN moved to strike out the following: For pianos for Grammar Schools, \$9,000.

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the said motion, and it was decided in the negative, as follows:

*Ayes*—Messrs. Lecomte, Denike, Tweed, Bootman, Boese, Green, Benedict, Neilson, Ranney—9.

*Nays*—Messrs. Hooper, Shine, Tuthill, Eager, Roche, Sinclair, Slote, White, Williams, Mackean, Scofield, Haskett, Waterbury, Davenport—14.

Mr. DAVENPORT moved to strike out the word *pianos*, and insert *melodeons*. Lost.

Mr. BOESE moved to strike out from the said item the words *Grammar Schools*, and insert *Primary Departments*. Lost.

By unanimous consent, the item was amended so as to read as follows: For pianos for the Ward Schools, \$9,000.

On motion, the following was struck out, to wit: *For Libraries for said Schools*, \$20,000.

Mr. WHITE moved to reduce the item for the support of the Free Academy to \$40,000.

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the said motion, and it was decided in the negative, as follows:

*Ayes*—Messrs. Hooper, Lecomte, Roche, Sinclair, Denike, Tweed, Bootman, Slote, White, Neilson—10.

*Nays*—Messrs. Shine, Tuthill, Eager, Williams, Mackean, Scofield, Boese, Green, Benedict, Haskett, Waterbury, Ranney, Davenport—13.

Mr. SINCLAIR moved to strike out the item, For the support of Normal Schools, \$15,000. Lost.

On motion, the item for sites, &c., was reduced to \$131,000.

Mr. NEILSON moved to strike out of the report all that relates to deficiency of \$125,000. Lost.

Mr. PRESIDENT then put the question whether the Board would agree with the said report and resolution as amended, and it was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. WATERBURY presented the report of the Finance Committee, with the following resolution annexed:

*Resolved*, That the Comptroller of the city of New York be requested to authorize the City Chamberlain to place in the City Treasury, the sum of one hundred thousand dollars, subject to the drafts of the Board of Education, on and after the 10th day of November, inst.

NELSON J. WATERBURY,	} Finance Committee.
ALBERT SMITH,	
JOHN HOOPER,	
RICHARD C. FELLOWS,	

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. WATERBURY presented the report of the Finance Committee, with the following resolutions annexed :

*Resolved*, That an amount equal to the balance unexpended on the first of January last, of the appropriation for any purpose for which a specific amount was reserved out of the school moneys of the present year, by the resolution adopted on the third day of June last, be deducted from the amount so reserved, and added to the amount reserved for the payment of special appropriations made by this Board ; and that, if the amount reserved for incidental expenses of Ward Schools be insufficient to meet the necessary and proper payments on that account, that the deficiency be paid out of the moneys reserved for special appropriations.

*Resolved*, That an amount equal to the amount of supplies furnished from the Depository to the Free Academy, the Normal Schools, and the Evening Schools, be deducted from the respective amounts reserved for the support of these institutions, provided that neither of the amounts so reserved be reduced below what may be necessary to pay all the other expenses of the year on the same account, and that the amount so deducted, or as much thereof as may be necessary to pay for the purchases already made, be added to the amount reserved for the Depository ; and it is hereby directed that no further purchases be made previous to the first day of January next.

*Resolved*, That the Finance Committee cause the opinion of the Supreme Court upon the application of this Board for a mandamus against the Comptroller, with such other papers in the same matter as the Committee may select, to be printed.

NELSON J. WATERBURY,	} Finance Committee.
ALBERT SMITH,	
RICHARD C. FELLOWS,	

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolutions, and it was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. PRESIDENT stated his objections to the payment of a bill of Robert Paton, amounting to \$455 46 for furniture put in the Free Academy, and the bill of M. Kelly, amounting to \$407 49 for painting the School Buildings in the Fourth Ward.

On motion—

*Ordered*, That the said bills be paid.

A call of the House being ordered, the following members answered to their names :

Messrs. Hooper, Lecomte, Shine, Tuthill, Eager, Sinclair, Bootman, Williams, Scofield, Boese, Benedict, Haskett, Waterbury, Slote, White, Mackean, Green, Neilson, Ranney, Davenport—20.

A quorum not being present, the Board adjourned.

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1857.

### STATED SESSION.

*Present*—Andrew H. Green, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hooper, Lecomte, Shine, Tuthill, Roche, Sinclair, Denike, Tweed, Bootman, Lydecker, A. Smith, Slote, Clark, White, Williams, Mackean. Brooker, Scofield, Boese, Benedict, I. W. Smith, Henry, Baldwin, Neilson, Gray, Farley, Monteith, Ranney, Davenport—30.

*Absent*—Commissioners Perry, Auld, Niven, Avery, Ware, Eager, Haines, Rollins, Burlew, Haskett, Fellows, Waterbury, Edwards, Doherty—14.

The Journal of the last Session was read and approved.

Mr. BENEDICT presented the application of the School Officers of the Fifteenth Ward for authority to rebuild School-House No. 10, in Wooster, near Houston street, together with the plans for the said building.

*Ordered*, That said application and plans be referred to the Committee on Repairs.

Mr. NEILSON presented the Annual Report of the Inspectors of Schools for the Eighteenth Ward.

*Ordered*, That the said report be placed on file.

Mr. NEILSON also presented a communication from the School Officers of the Eighteenth Ward in relation to W. S. No. 40.

*Ordered*, That the said communication be referred to the Committee on Sites and School-Houses.

Mr. PRESIDENT presented a communication from Messrs. Bernard and Fabreguettes, asking the attention of the Board to the Alexandre Organ, manufactured by them, as a musical instrument, well adapted to the use of Schools.



*Ordered, That the said communication be referred to the Committee on the Course of Studies.*

Mr. PRESIDENT stated that the Pay-Roll for the Free Academy had been made out according to the scale of salaries adopted in Committee of the Whole, October 7, 1857; but inasmuch as some of the members insisted that the said report had not been adopted, he desired the instructions of the Board in the matter before signing the check for the salaries.

On motion, the rules were suspended for the purpose of considering the report of the Committee of the Whole.

Mr. BENEDICT moved to amend the said report by striking out on page 176, as follows:

*The Faculty shall consist of the Professors who, conformably to § 3, are at the head of the following departments:*

<i>Philosophies,</i>	<i>History and Belles-Lettres,</i>
<i>English Language,</i>	<i>Pure Mathematics,</i>
<i>Ancient Languages,</i>	<i>Mixed Mathematics,</i>
<i>Modern Languages,</i>	<i>Physical Sciences.</i>

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the said motion, and it was decided in the negative.

Mr. BENEDICT moved to amend the said report by striking out the last clause of section 5 (page 177), as follows: *All communications from the Academy to the Executive Committee shall be forwarded through the Faculty, and be entered on their minutes.*

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the said motion, and it was decided in the negative.

Mr. BENEDICT moved to amend the said report by adding at the end of section 5, as follows: "But any officer or instructor in the Academy may communicate direct with the Board of Education."

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the said motion, and it was decided in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. BENEDICT, the report was further amended. (page 178, lines 8 and 9,) so as to read

Principal, \$3,000; Vice-Principal, \$2,500.

Mr. DAVENPORT moved to adopt the scale of salaries as reported by the Executive Committee on page 6 of Document No. 14.

*Ordered*, That the question be taken on each separately.

Mr. PRESIDENT then put the question whether the Board would agree with the motion of Mr. Davenport, to fix the salary of the Professors at \$2,000 a year each, and it was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. BALDWIN moved the previous question.

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would second the previous question, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :—

*Ayes*—Messrs. Hooper, Lecomte, Shine, Tuthill, Roche, Sinclair, Tweed, Bootman, A. Smith, Slote, Clark, White, Williams, Mackean, Scofield, Benedict, I. W. Smith, Baldwin, Gray—20.

*Nays*—Messrs. Denike, Brooker, Green, Neilson, Farley, Davenport—6.

Mr. PRESIDENT then put the question whether the Board would agree with the motion of Mr. Davenport to fix the salary of the Members of the Faculty at \$2,500 a year each, and it was decided in the negative, as follows :

*Ayes*—Messrs. Tuthill, Bootman, A. Smith, Slote, Williams, Mackean, Boese, Green, I. W. Smith, Baldwin, Ranney, Davenport—12.

*Nays*—Messrs. Hooper, Lecomte, Shine, Roche, Sinclair, Denike, White, Brooker, Scofield, Benedict, Henry, Neilson, Gray, Farley—14.

Mr. NEILSON moved to strike out all that relates to the salaries. Lost.

Mr. HOOPER moved to amend the report of the Committee of Whole on page 178, line 14, by striking out the words of *Spanish and of Natural History*.

Mr. TWEED moved the previous question.

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would second the previous question, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :—

*Ayes*—Messrs. Hooper, Lecomte, Shine, Tuthill, Roche, Sinclair, Denike, Tweed, Bootman, A. Smith, Slote, Clark, Brooker, Henry, Farley—15.

*Nays*—Messrs. Williams, Mackean, Boese, Green, Benedict, I. W. Smith, Baldwin, Neilson, Gray, Ranney, Davenport—11.

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the motion of Mr. Hooper, and it was decided in the negative, as follows :

*Ayes*—Messrs. Lecomte, Slote, Clark, Benedict, Henry, Farley—6.

*Nays*—Messrs. Hooper, Tuthill, Roche, Denike, Tweed, A. Smith, White, Williams, Mackean, Scofield, Boese, Green, I. W. Smith, Baldwin, Neilson, Gray, Ranney, Davenport—19.

On motion, the report was amended by striking out on page 178, line 16, \$2,250, and inserting \$2,000.

On motion of Mr. MACKEAN, the said report was adopted as amended.

On motion of Mr. WILLIAMS—

*Resolved*, That the President and Clerk be instructed to sign the check for the payment of the Pay-Roll of the Free Academy, as adopted by the Executive Committee.

By unanimous consent, Mr. RANNEY presented a communication from Robert L. Waterbury, M. D., inviting the attention of the Board to a course of lectures to be delivered on Physiology and Natural History.

*Ordered*, That said communication be referred to the Committee on the Course of Study.

Mr. TWEED offered the following resolution :—

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Supplies be and are hereby authorized and directed to procure for the various Ward Schools, such books as they may require to supply the classes in full, with the books now used by said class.

Mr. DAVENPORT moved to amend by striking out all after the word *Resolved*, and inserting as follows : That the second resolution adopted by this Board at its last session, on page 199, be amended by striking out the last clause, as follows : *And it is hereby directed that no further purchases be made previous to the first day of January next.*

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the said motion of Mr. Davenport, and it was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. HENRY offered the following resolution :—

*Resolved*, That Thursday, 26th inst., being Thanksgiving day, the Schools under the jurisdiction of this Board be closed, and that the next session of the Schools will commence on Monday, 30th inst., at 9 o'clock, A.M.

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolution, and it was decided in the negative.

Mr. LYDECKER presented reports of the Auditing Committee, with the following resolutions annexed :—

*Resolved*, That the President and Clerk be, and that they are hereby authorized and directed to draw a warrant in favor of the Manhattan Gas Light Company, for lighting the Hall of the Board of Education, for \$52 25 ; of Isaac F. Bragg, for transcribing resolution on the death of Dr. Hugh Sweeney, and for other incidental charges, amounting to \$10 25 ; and in favor of J. P. Wilkins, for postage, from August 1, to November 1, for \$8 23, the bills for the foregoing amounts having been duly examined and approved by the Auditing Committee.

*Resolved*, That the President and Clerk be directed to issue their warrant in favor of William C. Bryant & Co., for seventeen hundred and nineteen  $\frac{5}{16}$  dollars, the amount of their bill for printing, from February 17th to September 22d, 1857.

JOHN R. LYDECKER,	} Auditing Committee.
PROVOST S. HAINES,	
JAMES MACKEAN,	
JAMES F. HENRY,	

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolutions, and it was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. MACKEAN presented the report of the Committee on School Furniture, with the following resolution annexed :

*Resolved*, That the sum of two thousand five hundred and two dollars be, and the same is, hereby appropriated to furnish the new Primary School-House in Fourth street, near Avenue C, in the Eleventh Ward, conformably to the application of the School Officers of said ward to this Board, and the plans and

specifications on file in the Clerk's office; but no part of the money to be paid until said articles have been furnished, and said work completed to the satisfaction of the School Officers, whose certificate to that effect must be filed with the Clerk of the Board.

WILLIAM M. TWEED,	}	Committee on School Fur- niture.
JONATHAN L. SCOFIELD,		
JAMES MACKEAN,		

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows:

*Ayes*—Messrs. Hooper, Lecomte, Shine, Tuthill, Roche, Denike, Tweed, A. Smith, Slotz, Clark, White, Williams, Mackean, Scofield, Boese, Benedict, I. W. Smith, Henry, Baldwin, Neilson, Gray, Farley, Ranney, Davenport—24.

Mr. PRESIDENT stated that he had discovered certain irregularities in the matter of furnishing the new School-House in Chrystie street, Tenth Ward; and that he had not signed the check for the payment of Mr. Ross, the contractor.

On motion—

*Ordered*, That the bill of Mr. Ross be referred to the Finance Committee.

Mr. BALDWIN presented the report of the Committee on By-Laws, recommending the adoption of the following amendment to the By-Laws:

Section three, Article 7:

Insert the words "and fifteenth" after the word "first," on the second line of that section, so as to make the payments of bills on the first and fifteenth of each month.

S. BALDWIN,	}	Committee on By-Laws.
JAMES M. TUTHILL,		
THOMAS BOESE,		
ALBERT SMITH,		
ERASTUS C. BENEDICT,		

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the said amendment, and it was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. A. SMITH presented reports of the Finance Committee, with the following resolutions annexed:

*Resolved*, That the sum of fifty thousand dollars be, and is hereby, appropriated, out of the School moneys of 1857, for the payment of salaries of Teachers and Janitors in the Ward Schools.

NELSON J. WATERBURY, ALBERT SMITH, JOHN HOOPER, RICHARD C. FELLOWS,	}	Finance Committee.
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New York, Nov. 2d, 1857.

*Resolved*, That the sum of fifty thousand dollars be, and is hereby, appropriated, out of the school moneys of 1857, for the payment of salaries of Teachers and Janitors in the Ward Schools.

ALBERT SMITH, GEO. H. CLARK, JOHN HOOPER,	}	Finance. Committee.
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New York, Nov. 18, 1857.

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolutions of the Finance Committee, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :—

*Ayes*—Messrs. Hooper, Lecomte, Shine, Tuthill, Roche, Denike, Tweed, Bootman, A. Smith, Slote, Clark, White, Williams, Mackean, Scofield, Boese, Green, I. W. Smith, Henry, Baldwin, Neilson, Gray, Ranney, Davenport—24.

Mr. SMITH presented a report of the Finance Committee, recommending the adoption of the following resolution :—

*Resolved*, That the Comptroller of the city of New York be requested to authorize the City Chamberlain to place in the City Treasury the sum of fifty-six thousand sixty-four  $\frac{6}{100}$  dollars, subject to the drafts of the Board of Education, on and after the first day of December next ; and the further sum of forty-three thousand nine hundred and thirty-five  $\frac{3}{100}$  dollars, subject to the drafts of the Board of Education, on and after the 5th day of December next.

ALBERT SMITH, GEORGE H. CLARK, JOHN HOOPER,	}	Finance Committee.
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Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. DAVENPORT presented the report of the Committee on Normal Schools, submitting for adoption the following resolution :—

*Resolved*, That the Executive Committee on Normal Schools are hereby authorized to employ in the Daily Normal School two teachers at the salaries respectively of five hundred and six hundred dollars to supply the vacancies existing in the corps of teachers in said School, and that the salary of Miss Sarah C. Verrinder, teacher in the Daily Normal School be five hundred dollars, from the 1st of December next.

J. DAVENPORT, JOHN R. LYDECKER, JONATHAN L. SCOFIELD, WALTER ROCHE,	}	Committee.
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Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. HOOPER presented the report of the Finance Committee recommending the adoption of the following resolution :—

*Resolved*, That the sum of one hundred and twelve  $\frac{1}{10}$  dollars be, and is hereby appropriated for the payment of the bill of Hiram Anderson, for carpeting Ward School No. 20, and that the President and Clerk be requested to sign a warrant for the same.

JOHN HOOPER, GEORGE H. CLARK, ALBERT SMITH,	}	Finance Committee.
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Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution, and the vote was as follows :—

*Ayes*—Messrs. Hooper, Shine, Tuthill, Denike, Tweed, A. Smith, Slote, Clark, White, Williams, Mackean, Scofield, Boese, I. W. Smith, Baldwin, Neilson, Gray, Ranney, Davenport—19.

*Nay*—Mr. Green—1.

A quorum not being present, the Board adjourned.

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1857.

### STATED SESSION.

*Present*—Andrew H. Green, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hooper, Lecomte, Shine, Tuthill, Eager, Denike, Tweed, Bootman, A. Smith, Haines, Slotte, White, Mackean, Brooker, Scofield, Boese, Benedict, I. W. Smith, Henry, Baldwin, Neilson, Gray, Farley, Waterbury, Monteith, Davenport—27.

*Absent*—Commissioners Perry, Auld, Niven, Avery, Ware, Roche, Sinclair, Lydecker, Clark, Rollins, Williams, Burlew, Haskett, Fellows, Ranney, Edwards, and Doherty—17.

The Journal of the last session was read, and on motion of Mr. Hooper, amended by inserting the ayes and nays taken on Mr. Benedict's motion, on page 202, lines 11 and 12.

Mr. BENEDICT moved that the Journal be approved as amended.

Mr. BALDWIN moved further to amend the Journal on page 204, line 16, by striking out and inserting as follows: strike out—*On motion of Mr. Mackean, the said report was adopted as amended*—and insert—*On motion of Mr. Mackean, the balance of the report was adopted as amended*.

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the said motion of Mr. Baldwin, and it was decided in the negative, as follows:

*Ayes*—Messrs. Tuthill, Eager, Bootman, Mackean, Scofield, Boese, Baldwin, Waterbury, Monteith—9.

*Nays*—Messrs. Hooper, Lecomte, Shine, Denike, Tweed, A. Smith, Slotte, White, Brooker, Green, Benedict, I. W. Smith, Henry, Neilson, Gray, Farley, Davenport—17.

Mr. TWEED moved the previous question.

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would



second the previous question, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

*Ayes*—Messrs. Hooper, Lecomte, Shine, Tuthill, Eager, Denike, Tweed, Bootman, A. Smith, Slote, White, Mackean, Brooker, Scofield, Boese, Benedict, Henry, Baldwin, Neilson, Gray, Waterbury, Monteith—22.

*Nays*—Messrs. Green, I. W. Smith, Farley, Davenport—4.

MR. PRESIDENT then put the question whether the Board would agree with the motion of Mr. Benedict, and it was decided in the affirmative.

MR. WATERBURY presented a communication from the School Officers of the Twentieth Ward, asking the adoption of a resolution authorizing the local boards to employ a clerk.

On motion of Mr. MACKEAN, said communication was referred to the Committee on Salaries.

MR. DAVENPORT presented a communication from the School Officers of the Twenty-first Ward, submitting the proposals received for the alteration of Ward School No. 14, in Twenty-seventh street.

*Ordered*, That said communication be referred to the Finance Committee.

MR. PRESIDENT laid before the Board the petitions of A. Watson, Thomas Lawrence, and others, in relation to appointments to positions.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Salaries.

MR. PRESIDENT laid before the Board a communication from Professor Barton, in relation to his salary, with a check for \$15 46, which amount he deemed had been overpaid in error.

On motion—

*Ordered*, That the check be returned to Professor Barton.

MR. PRESIDENT laid before the Board a communication from Dr. Charles L. Hogeboom, in relation to a course of lectures on Physiology.

*Ordered*, That said communication be referred to the Committee on the Course of Studies.

MR. PRESIDENT presented a statement in relation to Ward

School-House No. 40, with the reports of the Superintendent of School Buildings, and Silvanus Gedney, stating that they have no doubt of the perfect safety of the said School-House, as relates to its falling down, or giving away in any manner whatever.

*Ordered*, That the said communications be referred to the Committee on Sites and School-Houses.

On motion of Mr. WATERBURY—

*Resolved*, That it be referred to the Committee on Repairs to examine what alterations will be necessary at Ward School No. 35 in consequence of the removal of the Female Department therefrom, and the expense of such alterations.

Mr. DENIKE presented a communication from the School Officers of the Seventh Ward in relation to the bills for extra work on Ward School No. 31.

*Ordered*, That said communication be referred to the Finance Committee.

Mr. PRESIDENT stated his objections to signing checks for the payment of several bills.

On motion—

*Ordered*, That the bill of John Gallier, amounting to \$403 15, for work at the Academy, and the bill of Messrs. Harper Brothers, amounting to \$187 50, for books furnished the Academy, be paid.

*Ordered*, That the bills of Messrs. H. Sperry & Co., and the bill of John H. Heller, be referred to the Finance Committee.

A call of the House being ordered, the following members answered to their names :

Messrs. Hooper, Shine, Tutthill, Denike, Tweed, A. Smith, White, Mackean, Brooker, Scofield, Boese, Green, Benedict, I. W. Smith, Henry, Baldwin, Neilson, Gray, Davenport—19.

A quorum not being present, the Board adjourned.

1. The first part of the document is a list of names and addresses of the members of the committee.

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## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1857.

### STATED SESSION.

*Present*—Andrew H. Green, Esq., President, and Commissioners Perry, Hooper, Lecomte, Shine, Tuthill, Eager, Roche, Sinclair, Denike, Tweed, Bootman, Lydecker, A. Smith, Clark, White, Mackean, Brooker, Scofield, Boese, Burlew, Benedict, I. W. Smith, Haskett, Henry, Fellows, Baldwin, Gray, Farley, Waterbury, Monteith, Ranney, Davenport—34.

*Absent*—Commissioners Auld, Niven, Avery, Ware, Haines, Slote, Rollins, Williams, Edwards, Doherty—10.

The Commissioners appointed by the Governor of the State to examine the school system of this city being present, on motion of Mr. Waterbury, they were invited to take seats within the bar of the House.

Mr. President appointed Messrs. Waterbury and Lydecker as a committee to extend the invitation of the Board, and to conduct the Commissioners to their seats.

The Journal of the last session was read, and on motion of Mr. Baldwin, amended, by striking out from line 18, on page 209, the words *as amended*.

The Journal was approved as amended.

Mr. HASKETT presented the annual report of the Inspectors of Schools of the Sixteenth Ward.

*Ordered*, That the said report be placed on file.

Mr. ROCHE presented the annual report of the Inspectors of Schools of the Sixth Ward.

*Ordered*, That the said report be placed on file.

Mr. BOOTMAN presented a communication from the School Officers of the Eighth Ward, in relation to making certain alterations in the School-House in Clarke street,

*Ordered*, That said communication be referred to the Committee on Repairs.

Mr. MACKEAN presented an application from the School Officers of the Twelfth Ward, for authority to advertise for proposals for furnishing School-House No. 52 on Two Hundred and Sixth street, according to specifications submitted.

*Ordered*, That said application be referred to the Committee on School Furniture, with power.

Mr. MACKEAN also presented a communication from the School Officers of the Twelfth Ward, in relation to the payment of the salary of Miss Catherine Hebbard, a teacher in Ward School No. 39. On motion—

*Ordered*, That said communication be referred to the Committee on Salaries and Officers.

Mr. WATERBURY presented an application of the School Officers of the Twentieth Ward, asking that they be authorized to purchase a lot adjoining Ward School No. 48 in said ward.

*Ordered*, That said application be referred to the Committee on Sites and School-Houses.

Mr. PRESIDENT laid before the Board the monthly report of the City Superintendent of Schools. On motion—

*Ordered*, That the said report be laid on the table, and that 1500 copies thereof be printed.

Mr. PRESIDENT laid before the Board the following communication from the Board of Finance Commissioners, to wit:

The undersigned, to whom the estimate of the Board of Education has been submitted for the expenditure of the year 1858, according to the requirements of the 25th section of the Charter of 1857, having examined the said estimate, and having ascertained the number of scholars taught during the preceding year, and the apportionment of school money made by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, find the facts to be as follows, viz.:

The number of scholars taught in the public schools of the city for the year preceding, as prescribed by the School Act, is 135,722.

This number of scholars, at four dollars per scholar, authorizes a levy for school purposes, as provided by the 16th section of the School Act of 1851, the sum of \$542,888.

The 15th section of the same act provides that the Board of

Supervisors shall annually raise by tax a sum of money equal to the amount apportioned to the county of New York for the support of Common Schools therein.

This amount is as follows :

From the U. S. Dep. and Com. School Fund...	\$60,544 49
“ $\frac{3}{4}$ mill tax fund.....	152,345 06
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	\$212,889 55

The same section also provides that there shall be raised a sum equal to one-twentieth of one per cent of the value of the real and personal property in the said city.

The valuation for year 1857 is \$520,545,282 39: one-twentieth of one per cent. on this sum is \$260,272 64.

The whole amount thus authorized to be provided by the Supervisors for the support of Common Schools in this city is, then, as follows, viz. :

By the 15th section, from apportionment .....	\$212,889 55
“ “ “ “ $\frac{1}{20}$ th of one per cent..	260,272 64
“ 16th “ “ \$4 per scholar.....	542,883 00
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	\$1,016,050 19

The Estimate of the Board of Education calls for .....	1,126,013 00
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Making an excess of their estimate of..... \$109,962 81

In addition, they also call for \$125,000 for a deficiency of the school money for the year 1854.

The Board appointed by the 25th section of the Charter of 1857 object to the general estimate for the year 1858, of school moneys, inasmuch as it exceeds the sum authorized by the School Law to the amount of \$109,962 81; and they, therefore, return the estimate to the Board of Education to be corrected in this particular, and made to conform to the law.

They also object to the item of \$125,000 for arrearages of 1854, on the ground that there cannot be levied in the year 1858 a sum exceeding \$4 per scholar, as previously stated.

All which is respectfully submitted.

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Mayor.

A. C. FLAGG, Comptroller.

JOHN CLANCEY, Prest. Bd. Ald.

J. N. PHILLIPS, Prest. Bd. Councilmen.

On motion of Mr. WATERBURY—

*Ordered,* That the said communication from the Finance Commissioners be referred to the Finance Committee, and that

they be instructed to report at a special meeting of this Board to be held on Wednesday next, at 5 o'clock, P. M., and that the said report be made a special order immediately after Miscellaneous Communications.

Mr. RANNEY presented the annual report of the Faculty of the Free Academy.

*Ordered*, That the said report be laid on the table and printed.

Mr. DAVENPORT presented the bill of C. Doran, amounting to \$36, for furnishing bouquets to the graduates of the Normal Schools, at the last Commencement of that Institution; and moved that the said bill be paid.

After some discussion, Mr. I. W. SMITH moved the previous question on the said motion.

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would second the previous question, and it was decided in the negative, as follows :

*Ayes*—Messrs. Hooper, Tuthill, Eager, Roche, White, Mackean, Scofield, I. W. Smith, Fellows, Baldwin, Waterbury, Monteith, Ranney—13.

*Nays*—Messrs. Perry, Lecomte, Shine, Sinclair, Denike, Tweed, Bootman, A. Smith, Green, Haskett, Neilson, Farley, Davenport—13.

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the motion of Mr. Davenport, and it was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. PRESIDENT laid before the Board the following bills, to wit: Lyman H. Adams, amounting to \$24 75, for ice furnished the schools of the Eleventh Ward; John McKenzie, for frames furnished Ward School No. 22, amounting to \$16 08; Stephen Cable, for frames furnished Ward Schools Nos. 2 and 31, amounting to \$23 50; and Thomas R. Jackson, for drawing plans for School Officers, Tenth Ward, amounting to \$500.

*Ordered*, That the said bills be referred to the Finance Committee.

Mr. PRESIDENT also presented his objections to signing a warrant for the payment of the bill of Charles A. Thorpe, for stove work at the schools in the Eleventh Ward, amounting to \$574 53.

On motion of Mr. WHITE—

*Ordered*, That the said bill be paid.

Also, objections were presented against the bill of John Morton & Co., amounting to \$34 75, for draping Ward School No. 44 in mourning, on the occasion of the death of Seth Grosvenor, Esq.

On motion of Mr. TUTHILL—

*Ordered*, That the said bill be paid.

On motion of Mr. WATERBURY—

*Resolved*, That it be referred to the Finance Committee to ascertain and report whether any practicable arrangement can be made for cancelling the leases of the premises lately occupied by Primary Schools Nos. 22, 31 and 32.

On motion of Mr. HOOPER—

*Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed by the Chair to report to this Board at the next meeting the yeas and nays ordered on the resolution offered by Mr. Benedict, on page 202 of the Journal, to amend the said report by striking out on page 176, as follows:

The Faculty shall consist of the Professors, who, conformably to article 3d, are at the head of the following departments:

Philosophies,	History and Belles-Lettres,
English Language,	Pure Mathematics,
Ancient Languages,	Mixed Mathematics,
Modern Languages,	Physical Sciences.

Mr. PRESIDENT appointed as said committee Messrs. Hooper, Ranney and Denike.

Mr. TWEED presented a communication from the School Officers of the Seventh Ward, in relation to the extra work on Ward School No. 31, in said ward.

*Ordered*, That said communication be referred to the Finance Committee.

On motion of Mr. WATERBURY, the rules were suspended, to enable him to present the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That Ward School No. 31, in Monroe street, after January 1st, be numbered 30; No. 32 in Baxter street, 31; No. 33, in Thirty-fifth street, 32; and the new school in Twenty-eighth street, 33.

Mr. TWEED moved to refer the said resolution to the Committee on Sites and School-Houses.



Mr. WATERBURY moved to amend the motion of Mr. Tweed, by adding, "with power."

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the said amendment, and it was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. TWEED moved to lay the whole subject on the table. Lost.

Mr. PRESIDENT then put the question whether the Board would agree with the motion of Mr. of Mr. Tweed as amended, and it was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. DENIKE presented the report of the Committee on Repairs, on the application of the School Officers of the Fifteenth Ward, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the application of the School Officers of the Fifteenth Ward, referred to this Committee, at the session of this Board, held on the 18th November, be returned, with a recommendation that the same be referred to the Committee on Sites and School-Houses.

ABRAHAM DENIKE, }  
E. BOOTMAN, } Committee.  
WM. B. EAGER, Jr. }

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. WHITE presented a report of the Committee on Evening Schools, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the increasing importance of the Evening Schools, under the care of this Board, requires the constant supervision of a competent person to visit them, and perform other duties ordinarily devolving on a Superintendent, and who shall be known and designated as the Superintendent of Evening Schools, and who shall be under the direction of the Executive Committee on Evening Schools.

GEORGE WHITE, }  
ALBERT SMITH, } Committee.  
TERENCE FARLEY, }  
E. BOOTMAN, }  
WILLIAM SINCLAIR, }

Mr. I. W. SMITH moved to refer the said report to the Committee, with instructions to report the name of a suitable person to be appointed as the said Superintendent, together with the amount of his compensation.

Mr. BURLEW moved as a substitute for the motion of Mr. SMITH, that the Committee on Evening Schools be authorized to select one of the Assistant Superintendents to perform the said duties.

Mr. MONTEITH moved to lay the said report on the table.

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the said motion, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows:

*Ayes*—Messrs. Hooper, Lecomte, Shine, Tuthill, Denike, Lydecker, Brooker, Scofield, Green, Burlew, Benedict, Baldwin, Gray, Waterbury, Monteith, Ranney, Davenport—17.

*Nays*—Messrs. Perry, Eager, Roche, Sinclair, Tweed, Bootman, A. Smith, Clark, White, Mackean, Boese, I. W. Smith, Haskett, Fellows, Neilson, Farley—16.

Mr. TUTHILL presented the report of the Committee on Sites and School-Houses, on the application of the School Officers of the Twelfth Ward, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the sum of one thousand dollars be and is hereby appropriated for the purchase of four lots of ground, on the southerly side of One Hundred and Eighty-second street, 150 feet west of King's Bridge Road; but no part of the money shall be paid until the certificate of the Counsel to the Corporation be filed in the office of the Clerk of this Board, that the title to the said property is vested in the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the city of New York.

JAMES M. TUTHILL,	} Committee on Sites and School Houses.
JOHN R. LYDECKER,	
EUGENE SHINE,	
WILLIAM SINCLAIR,	

Mr. I. W. SMITH moved to amend the said resolution by striking out *one thousand* from the first line, and inserting *two thousand*, and that the School Officers of the Twelfth Ward be and they are hereby authorized to purchase eight lots instead of four.

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the proposed amendment, and it was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. PRESIDENT then put the question whether the Board would

agree with the said resolution as amended, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

*Ayes*—Messrs. Perry, Hooper, Lecomte, Shine, Tuthill, Eager, Roche, Sinclair, Denike, Tweed, Bootman, Lydecker, A. Smith, Clark, White, Mackean, Brooker, Scofield, Boese, Benedict, I. W. Smith, Haskett, Fellows, Baldwin, Neilson, Gray, Farley, Waterbury, Monteith—29.

*Nays*—Messrs. Green, Ranney, Davenport—3.

Mr. WATERBURY presented the report of the Finance Committee, recommending the adoption of the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the following sums be appropriated out of the school moneys of 1857, for the purposes mentioned, viz. :

Support of the Free Academy.....	\$5,000
“ Normal Schools.....	4,500
“ Evening Schools.....	10,000
“ Shop.....	5,000
NELSON J. WATERBURY, } Finance	
JOHN HOOPER, } Committee.	
ALBERT SMITH, }	

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

*Ayes*—Messrs. Perry, Hooper, Lecomte, Shine, Tuthill, Eager, Roche, Sinclair, Tweed, Lydecker, A. Smith, Clark, White, Mackean, Brooker, Scofield, Green, Burlew, Benedict, I. W. Smith, Baldwin, Neilson, Gray, Farley, Waterbury, Monteith, Ranney, Davenport—28.

Mr. DAVENPORT presented the report of the Executive Committee on Normal Schools, with the following resolutions annexed, which were recommended for adoption :

*Resolved*, That the appointment of D. H. Cruttenden as General Instructor in the Daily Normal School, at a salary of eight hundred dollars per annum, be, and the same is hereby confirmed, to date from the 7th instant.

*Resolved*, That section 5 of article 17 be amended, by striking out the words “*and except the teachers in the Evening Schools, during the terms of those Schools.*”

J. DAVENPORT,	} Executive Committee on Normal Schools.
A. J. PERRY,	
JOHN R. LYDECKER,	
WM. B. EAGER, Jr.,	
JONATHAN L. SCOFIELD,	

On motion, the first of the said resolutions, as reported by the Committee, was adopted, and the second was made a special order at the next meeting of the Board, immediately after the consideration of the report of the Finance Committee on the communication of the Finance Commissioners.

Mr. WATERBURY presented the report of the Finance Committee, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the bill of Joseph L. Ross, for furnishing Ward School No. 20, in Chrystie street, be paid upon his furnishing a certificate in conformity with the resolutions on that subject adopted by this Board on the 15th day of July last, of the sale of two piano fortes for the use of said school, and of the full payment of the purchase money thereof.

NELSON J. WATERBURY,	}	Finance Committee.
JOHN HOOPER,		
ALBERT SMITH,		

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows:

*Ayes*—Messrs. Hooper, Lecomte, Shine, Tuthill, Eager, Sinclair, Lydecker, Smith, Clark, White, Mackean, Scofield, Boese, Benedict, I. W. Smith, Neilson, Gray, Farley, Waterbury, Monteith—20.

*Nays*—Messrs. Perry, Denike, Brooker, Green, Haskett, Baldwin, Ranney, Davenport—8.

Mr. DAVENPORT presented the report of the Committee on Normal Schools, with the following resolution annexed:

*Resolved*, That the situations of Misses Elizabeth Eltinge, Eleventh Ward, and Hetty L. Board, Sixteenth Ward, as teachers in the Ward Schools, are hereby declared forfeited, under section 6, article 17, of the By-Laws of this Board.

J. DAVENPORT,	}	Executive Committee on Normal Schools.
A. J. PERRY,		
JOHN R. LYDECKER,		
WM. B. EAGER, Jr.,		
JONATHAN L. SCOFIELD,		

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. WATERBURY presented the report of the Finance Committee, recommending the adoption of the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the sum of one hundred and ninety-nine  $\frac{7}{8}$  dollars is hereby appropriated to pay the bill of H. Sperry & Co., for a tower timepiece for the new School-House, No. 20, in Chrystie street.

NELSON J. WATERBURY,	} Finance Committee.
JOHN HOOPER,	
GEORGE H. CLARK,	

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

*Ayes*—Messrs. Hooper, Shine, Tuthill, Lydecker, A. Smith, White, Mackean, Scofield, Benedict, I. W. Smith, Gray, Farley Waterbury, Monteith—14.

*Nays*—Messrs. Perry, Sinclair, Boese, Green, Haskett, Baldwin, Neilson, Ranney, Davenport—9.

Mr. FARLEY moved that the Board adjourn. Lost.

Mr. LYDECKER presented a report from the *Auditing* Committee, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions :

*Resolved*, That the President and Clerk be, and that they are hereby authorized and directed to draw a warrant in favor of A. Gilbert, for the sum of thirty-five  $\frac{2}{5}$  dollars, for postage, gum arabic, camphene, express charges, &c., &c., for the month of March and April last, and from November 18th to date, as per the annexed bill which has been examined and approved by the *Auditing* Committee.

*Resolved*, That the President and Clerk be, and that they are hereby authorized and directed to draw warrants in favor of the Journal of Commerce, for \$9 ; of John E. Gavit, \$30 ; of Daniel Jepson, \$24 ; and of Marshal and Lecount, \$3 ; the annexed bills of the said parties claiming the amounts having been duly examined and approved by the *Auditing* Committee.

JOHN R. LYDECKER,	} Auditing Committee.
JAMES MACKEAN,	
JAMES F. HENRY.	

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolutions, and it was decided in the affirmative.

By consent, Mr. WATERBURY presented the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the Superintendent of School Buildings be authorized, under the direction of the Committee on Repairs, to make such alterations as may be necessary at Ward School No. 33, in West Thirty-fifth street, in consequence of the removal of the Female Department therefrom, according to the plans presented in behalf of the Ward Officers, provided that the expense thereof shall not exceed the sum of fifteen hundred dollars.

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :—

*Ayes*—Messrs. Hooper, Tuthill, Sinclair, Denike, Lydecker, A. Smith, White, Mackean, Scofield, Boese, Benedict, I. W. Smith, Haskett, Neilson, Gray, Farley, Waterbury, Monteith, Ranney—19.

*Nays*—Messrs. Eager, Green, Baldwin, Davenport—4.

A call of the House being ordered, the following members answered to their names :—

Messrs. Hooper, Tuthill, Eager, Sinclair, Denike, Lydecker, A. Smith, White, Mackean, Scofield, Boese, Green, Benedict, I. W. Smith, Haskett, Baldwin, Neilson, Gray, Farley, Waterbury, Monteith, Ranney, Davenport—23.

Mr. WATERBURY presented the report of the Finance Committee, with the following resolution annexed :—

*Resolved*, That the President and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to sign a draft for the payment of the bill of James Holden, amounting to \$299.14, for fitting up premises in Rose street, for the use of Ward School No. 26.

NELSON J. WATERBURY,	} Finance Committee.
JOHN HOOPER,	
GEORGE H. CLARK,	
ALBERT SMITH,	

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative.

A call of the House being ordered, the following members answered to their names :—

Messrs. Perry, Hooper, Tuthill, Eager, Sinclair, Denike, Lydecker, A. Smith, White, Mackean, Scofield, Boese, Green, Benedict, I. W. Smith, Haskett, Baldwin, Neilson, Gray, Farley, Waterbury, Monteith, Ranney, Davenport—24.

Mr. WATERBURY presented the report of the Finance Committee, recommending the adoption of the following resolution, to wit :—

*Resolved*, That the contracts between the School Officers of the Eleventh Ward, of the first part, and Thomas Harrison of the second part, for heating and ventilating apparatus for the new Primary School-House, in Fourth street; and between the School Officers of the Twentieth Ward, of the first part, and Robert Paton, of the second part, for furniture for the new School-House, in Twenty-eighth street, near the Ninth avenue, which contracts are now on file, in the clerk's office, are hereby approved.

NELSON J. WATERBURY,	} Finance Committee.
JOHN HOOPER,	
GEORGE H. CLARK,	

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. WATERBURY presented the report of the Finance Committee, on the application of John Stephenson, with the following resolution annexed :—

*Resolved*, That the application of John Stephenson, to be reimbursed the sum of \$25, for legal expenses incurred by him, in the matter of the erection of Ward School No. 49, be granted, and that the same be paid to him out of the unexpended balance of any appropriation for said building.

NELSON J. WATERBURY,	} Finance Committee.
RICHD. C. FELLOWS,	
ALBERT SMITH,	
GEORGE H. CLARK,	
JOHN HOOPER,	

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. MONTEITH presented the report of the Committee on Warming and Ventilation, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions :—

*Resolved*, That the sum of three hundred and three  $\frac{66}{100}$  dollars be and is hereby appropriated to pay for stoves and fitting up in Ward School No. 26, in the Fourth ward.

*Resolved*, That the President and Clerk be, and are hereby directed to issue warrants, under the above resolution, in favor of Bartholomew Lynch, for one hundred and seventy-three  $1\frac{3}{4}$  dollars. Also, in favor of James Holden, for \$51.86, and in favor of R. R. Finch & Sons, for \$78.50.

WILLIAM MONTETH,	} Committee on	
GEORGE H. CLARK,		} Warming and
JAMES MACKEAN,		

Mr. PRESIDENT then put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolutions, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

*Ayes*—Messrs. Perry, Hooper, Shine, Tuthill, Eager, Denike, Tweed, Lydecker, Clark, White, Mackean, Brooker, Scofield, Boese, Green, Benedict, Smith, Haskett, Baldwin, Nelson, Gray, Farley, Waterbury, Monteith, Ranney, Davenport—26.

Mr. HASKETT presented the bill of Messrs. Miller & Holman, for printing, amounting to \$42 50.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be referred to the Finance Committee.

Mr. WHITE offered the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the President and Clerk be directed to sign a check in favor of Miss Hebbard for fifty dollars, being the amount due her for teaching in Ward School No. 39, in the Twelfth Ward, for the last three months.

Mr. MACKEAN moved to refer the said resolution to the Committee on Salaries and Officers.

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the said motion, and it was decided in the affirmative as follows, Mr. Neilson having been excused from voting on the question :

*Ayes*—Messrs. Hooper, Tuthill, Eager, Denike, Lydecker, Mackean, Green, Benedict, I. W. Smith, Haskett, Baldwin, Farley, Waterbury, Monteith, Ranney, Davenport—16.

*Nays*—Messrs. Sinclair, A. Smith, White, Scofield, Boese, Gray—6.

A motion was made, that the Board adjourn. Lost.

Mr. BENEDICT presented the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on By-Laws.



*Resolved*, That section 2 of article 5 of the By-Laws be amended so as to read as follows: "That the Executive Committees shall consist of five members each; all other committees of three members each—a majority of whom shall be necessary to a quorum."

A call of the House being ordered, the following members answered to their names:

Messrs. Sinclair, Denike, White, Mackean, Scofield, Green, Benedict, Haskett, Baldwin, Waterbury—10.

A quorum not being present, the Board adjourned.

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1857.**

**ADJOURNED SESSION.**

*Present*—Andrew H. Green, Esq., President, and Commissioners Perry, Auld, Hooper, Lecomte, Shine, Tuthill, Eager, Roche, Sinclair, Denike, Tweed, Bootman, Lydecker, A. Smith, Haines, Slote, Clark, White, Rollins, Williams, Mackean, Brooker, Scofield, Boese, Benedict, I. W. Smith, Haskett, Henry, Fellows, Baldwin, Neilson, Gray, Waterbury, Monteth, Ranney, Davenport, and Doherty.

*Absent*—Commissioners Niven, Avery, Ware, Burlew, Farley, and Edwards.

The Journal of the last session was read and approved.

Mr. PRESIDENT laid before the Board the following certificate of the Clerk of the Common Council of the election of School Officers at the last election :

NEW YORK, December 19, 1857.

I, David T. Valentine, Clerk of the Common Council of the city of New York, in pursuance of the provisions of the amended charter, passed by the Legislature of this State, April 14, 1857, do hereby certify that the persons named in the accompanying list, were duly elected School Officers of the various wards in this city, and that said list is a perfect and correct statement of the said officers so elected, at an election held in accordance with the provisions of the said amended charter, held in this city, on the first day of December, 1857.

D. T. VALENTINE,  
Clerk of the Common Council,

## SCHOOL OFFICERS.

*First Ward.*

Commissioner,	John O'Grady.	} Full term.
Inspector,	John E. Enwright.	
Trustees,	John H. Williams,	
"	William Jennett,	
"	Nicholas Dimond,	} To fill vacancies, term not specified on the ballot.
"	Michael Brennan,	

*Second Ward.*

Commissioner,	Jared A. Timpson.	} Full term.
Inspector,	James W. Manning.	
Trustees,	Thomas D. Gale,	
"	Isaac Ayres,	

*Third Ward.*

Commissioner,	Hugh Crozier.	} Full term.
Inspector,	J. M. McGrath.	
Trustees,	James Hackett,	
"	Daniel Mooney,	
"	Enoch Smith,	} Declared elected. Highest vote to fill vacancies, but term not specified on ballot.
"	E. Augustus P. Heath,	
"	John Brush,	} John Brush designated for one year on ballot, and Benjamin Waterbury for two years, but received less votes than the two former.
"	Benjamin Waterbury,	

*Fourth Ward.*

Commissioner,	Thomas Fitzgerald.	} Full term.
Inspector,	Dennis Hogan.	
Trustees,	Edward M. Morris,	
"	John Shea,	

*Fifth Ward.*

Commissioner,	James Tuthill.	
Inspector,	John Besson, full term.	
"	Benjamin R. Concklin, fill vacancy for one year.	
Trustees,	Andrew Leggett,	} Full term.
"	James S. Scofield,	

*Sixth Ward.*

Commissioner,	Richard Barry.	
Inspector,	Thomas White.	
Trustees,	William Cantwell,	} Full term.
"	Edward J. McGloin,	
"	James McGuire, to fill vacancy for three years.	

*Seventh Ward.*

Commissioner,	Daniel Coger.	
Inspector,	Joseph E. Snodgrass.	
Trustees,	John Wetherell,	} Full term.
"	Richard Poillon,	
"	Mahlon T. Hewitt, to fill vacancy for two years.	

*Eighth Ward.*

Commissioner,	William Bloomfield.	
Inspector,	John Dixon.	
Trustees,	Eliphalet Bootman,	} Full term.
"	Mathias Clark,	

*Ninth Ward.*

Commissioner,	Charles E. Gildersleeve.	
Inspector,	Wm. E. Beardsley.	
Trustees,	James W. Booth,	} Full term.
"	John Kennard,	

*Tenth Ward.*

Commissioner,	Daniel Slote.	
Inspector,	John J. McGowan.	
Trustees,	James M. Glover,	} Full term.
"	Herman Gutman,	

*Eleventh Ward.*

Commissioner,	George White,	
Inspector,	Ross McGuire.	
Trustees,	A. R. Jackman,	} Full term.
"	Michael Cunningham,	

*Twelfth Ward.*

Commissioner,	A. V. Williams.	
Inspector,	John Moore.	
Trustees,	Charles Boice,	} Full term.
"	Thomas Colgan,	

*Thirteenth Ward.*

Commissioner,	A. Brummell.	
Inspector,	Rich'd G. Newkirk.	
Trustees,	George W. Thurber,	} Full term.
"	James A. Flaack,	
	Garret M. Losee, to fill vacancy for two years.	

*Fourteenth Ward.*

Commissioner,	Andrew Byrne.	
Inspector,	Henry Manron.	
Trustees,	Patrick Dolan,	} Full term.
"	James O'Neill,	
"	John H. Chambers, fill vacancy for two years.	

*Fifteenth Ward.*

Commissioner,	Richard Warren.	
Inspector,	John B. Stevens.	
Trustees,	Richard C. McCormick,	} Full term.
"	Edward L. Beadle,	

*Sixteenth Ward.*

Commissioner,	Robert A. Adams.	
Inspector,	John W. Hogencamp.	
Trustees,	John Delamater,	} Full term.
"	George P. Brown,	
"	James Pollock, fill vacancy for two years.	
"	John W. Concklin, fill vacancy for one year.	

*Seventeenth Ward.*

Commissioner,	James Cushing, Jr.	
Inspector,	William Hibbard.	
Trustees,	Thomas B. Barnaby,	} Full term.
“	Elisha R. Belcher,	
“	John Lloyd, to fill vacancy.	

*Eighteenth Ward.*

Commissioner,	William E. Curtis.	
Inspector,	James W. Gerard.	
Trustees,	John Foster,	} Full term.
“	James B. Brady,	

*Nineteenth Ward.*

Commissioner,	Hugh McCabe.	
Inspector,	Jeremiah Towle.	
Trustees,	Dennis McCarthy,	} Full term.
“	Stephen M. Drew,	
“	William McDivitt, to fill vacancy.	

*Twentieth Ward.*

Commissioner,	Oliver H. Lee.	
Inspector,	Peter H. Duncan.	
Trustees,	William Menck,	} Full term.
“	Watts C. Livingston,	
“	Robert Taylor, to fill vacancy.	

*Twenty-first Ward.*

Commissioner,	Lafayette Ranney.	
Inspectors,	Levi S. Thomas, full term.	
“	Barth'w B. Chappell, to fill vacancy one year.	
Trustees,	John Stephenson,	} Full term.
“	James Dennis,	

*Twenty-second Ward.*

Commissioner,	John O'Keefe, full term.	
“	James Marriner, to fill vacancy.	
Inspector,	Edward Timpson.	
Trustees,	John F. Betts,	} Full term.
“	A. H. Underhill,	
“	Jotham Wilson, to fill vacancy.	

On motion of Mr. WATERBURY—

*Ordered*, That the said certificate be placed on file, and printed in the Journal.

Mr. WHITE presented a communication from the School Officers of the Eleventh Ward in relation to additions and alterations of Ward School No. 15.

*Ordered*, That the said communication be referred to the Committee on Repairs.

Mr. WATERBURY presented the following report of the Finance Committee:—

*To the Board of Education :*

The Finance Committee, to whom was referred a communication from the Board, designated by the 25th section of the act entitled "An Act to amend the Charter of the City of New York," passed April 14th, 1857, presenting their objections to the estimate of the Board of Education for the year 1858, respectfully report: That they have carefully examined the matter, and find the facts to be as follows:

The estimate, as adopted by the Board of Education on the 4th day of November last, contained the following paragraph, embodying the material part of the document:

"And the Board of Education hereby reports, that after deducting from the said amount of \$1,126,013, the sum stated in the notice referred to in the 14th section of the act entitled 'An Act to amend, consolidate and reduce to one act the various acts relative to the Common Schools of the City of New York,' passed July 3d, 1851, and the several sums of money directed to be raised by the 15th section of the same act, the said Board estimates that the balance will be 'the amount over and above the sum specified in the 15th section' of the said act, 'which will be required during the year for the purpose of meeting the current annual expenses of public instruction in said city, for purchasing, leasing and procuring sites, for erecting buildings, and for furnishing, fitting up, altering and repairing the buildings and premises under their charge, and for the support of schools which shall have been organized since the last annual apportionment of school moneys made by the Board.'"

In their objections, the Revisory Board make the following statement:

"The 15th section of the same act (July 3d, 1851,) provides that the Board of Supervisors shall annually raise by tax a sum of money equal to the amount apportioned to the County of New York, for the support of Common Schools therein. This amount is as follows:

## From the United States Deposit and Common

School fund.....	\$60,544 49
From the three-quarter mill-tax fund.....	152,345 06

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Total..... \$212,889 55

The same section also provides that there shall be raised a sum equal to one-twentieth of one per cent. of the value of the real and personal property in the said city. The valuation for the year 1857 is \$520,545,282 39. One-twentieth of one per cent. on this sum is \$260,272 64.

The whole amount thus authorized to be raised by the Supervisors for the support of Common Schools in this city is, then, as follows :

By the 15th section, from apportionment.....	\$212,889 55
By the 15th section, from 1-20th of 1 per cent.....	260,272 64
By the 16th section, from \$4 per scholar.....	542,888 00

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Total..... \$1,016,050 19

The estimate of the Board of Education calls for. 1,126,013 00  
 Making an excess of their estimate of..... \$109,982 81"

The only difficulty is, that in the document of the Revisory Board, although it expressly recognises the apportionment of State moneys to this city to the amount of \$212,889 55, and that the Supervisors are also required to raise an equal amount by tax, the amount is only included once. Correcting this error, and assuming that the figures of the Revisory Board are right, the account will stand as follows :

Amount of apportionment from State.....	\$212,889 55
Equal amount to be raised by County.....	212,889 55
Tax of 1-20th of one per cent.....	260,272 64

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Total amount of fixed funds..... \$ 686,051 74  
 Amount called for by the Board of Education... 1,126,013 00

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Balance to be raised by Supervisors..... \$439,961 26  
 Limit fixed by statute, being \$4 per scholar..... 542,888 00

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Excess of limit over amount called for..... \$102,926 74

The fact is, therefore, that instead of the estimate of the Board of Education being \$109,962 81 over the amount authorized by law, it is \$10 ,926 74 *under that amount!* It is to be regretted that the Comptroller has not only caused the estimate of the Board to be returned under an allegation that it was in



excess of the legal limit, but has also, in an official communication to the Common Council, previous to such return, stated that the Board of Education had overrun its legal bounds, without extending to the Board of Education, or to any of its officers, the courtesy of a request to explain the supposed excess. The Comptroller has put himself in a position of giving color to a clamor against the Board of Education, which is generally made by those who are ignorant of the extent and operation of the School system of this city, and the details of its expenses. It is a grateful service to such persons for an officer of personal character and high position to make an unfounded statement in relation to the Board of Education, necessarily subjecting it to the imputation of, at least, gross improvidence; but it may not be as acceptable to considerate citizens, who realize the vast importance of our educational system to the people of this city, and their children, for countless generations.

The Revisory Board "also object to the item of \$125,000 for arrearages of 1854, on the ground that there cannot be levied in the year 1858 a sum exceeding \$4 per scholar, as previously stated." This item was included in the estimate, because in the proceedings of the Board of Education against the Comptroller, the Supreme Court decided that only in such way could the deficiency of the year 1854, to meet which the Common Council of that year authorized an "advance" of \$125,000, be finally satisfied, and the school revenues relieved from the embarrassment which the carrying of that deficiency from year to year occasioned. The right of the Board of Education to have a deficiency in any year satisfied, if it was unavoidable, and the whole amount claimed for the year was within the limitation of four dollars a scholar fixed by the school law, was expressly recognized. As the moneys raised for 1854 were within the limit for that year, by a sum nearly three times as large as the said amount of \$125,000, it was supposed that such amount would, under the decision, be raised as a deficiency of 1854, even though, if added to the amount of school moneys estimated for 1858, it caused an excess of the limit for the latter year. As the Revisory Board object to the raising of any amount in the next tax levy above the limit of 1858, it is probably better to reduce the present claim on account of the deficiency of 1854 from \$125,000 to \$100,000, which latter amount will be within the limit that the Board of Education is allowed to call for on account of the year 1858.

For the purpose of maintaining the validity of the estimate for 1858, and to carry out these views, the Committee recommend the adoption of the following preamble and resolutions:

*Whereas*, The estimate of the moneys necessary to be raised

for the purposes authorized by the provisions of the act entitled "An act to amend, consolidate and reduce to one act the various acts relative to the Common Schools of the city of New York," passed July 3d, 1851, was duly made by the Board of Education, and submitted to the Board constituted for that purpose by the 25th section of the act entitled "An act to amend the Charter of the City of New York," passed April 14th, 1857; and the said Board have disapproved of the same and returned it, with objections, to the Board of Education; and whereas the said estimate has been reconsidered by the Board of Education, and the said objections have been fully considered; therefore,

*Resolved*, That the Board of Education hereby adheres to its said original estimate, as submitted to the Board constituted by the 25th section of the act entitled "An act to amend the Charter of the City of New York," passed April 14th, 1857, except that the amount included therein to satisfy a deficiency "of the school moneys of 1854, to meet the necessary expenses of the same period," is hereby reduced from \$125,000 to \$100,000.

*Resolved*, That the estimate specified in the preceding resolution be returned to the Board designated in the said resolution, and that a copy of this report, preamble and resolutions, with a certificate stating that the preamble and resolutions were adopted, and the said estimate adhered to by a vote of two-thirds of all the members of the Board of Education then in office; and stating, also, the names of the members voting thereon, be properly authenticated in duplicate and transmitted to the Board designated in the preceding resolution, and to the Board of Supervisors.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

NELSON J. WATERBURY,	} Finance Committee.
JOHN HOOPER,	
ALBERT SMITH,	
GEORGE H. CLARK,	
RICHARD C. FELLOWS,	

Mr. GREEN moved to amend the said report by striking out as follows :

"The Comptroller has put himself in a position of giving color to a clamor against the Board of Education, which is generally made by those who are ignorant of the extent and operations of the school system of this city, and the details of its expenses. It is a grateful service to such persons for an officer of personal character and high position to make an unfounded statement in relation to the Board of Education, necessarily subjecting it to the

imputation of at least gross improvidence; but it may not be as acceptable to considerate citizens, who realize the vast importance of our educational system to the people of this city and their children, for countless generations."

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the motion of Mr. Green, and it was decided in the negative.

Mr. WATERBURY moved the previous question on the adoption of the report and resolution.

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would second the previous question, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows:

*Ayes*—Messrs. Auld, Hooper, Shine, Tuthill, Roche, Tweed, A. Smith, Slote, Clark, White, Rollins, Mackean, I. W. Smith, Haskett, Henry, Fellows, Baldwin, Neilson, Waterbury, Monteith, Doherty—21.

*Nays*—Messrs. Perry, Lecomte, Sinclair, Bootman, Lydecker, Williams, Brooker, Scofield, Boese, Green, Gray, Ranney, Davenport—13.

A division of the question was called for, first, on accepting, and, second, on adopting the said report.

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would accept the report, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows:

*Ayes*—Messrs. Perry, Auld, Lecomte, Shine, Tuthill, Eager, Roche, Sinclair, Tweed, Lydecker, A. Smith, Slote, Clark, White, Rollins, Williams, Mackean, Scofield, Boese, Benedict, I. W. Smith, Haskett, Henry, Fellows, Baldwin, Neilson, Waterbury, Monteith, Doherty—29.

*Nays*—Bootman, Brooker, Green, Gray, Ranney, Davenport—6.

Mr. PRESIDENT then put the question whether the Board would agree with the report of the Finance Committee, and it was decided in the affirmative as follows:

*Ayes*—Messrs. Perry, Auld, Hooper, Lecomte, Shine, Tuthill, Eager, Roche, Sinclair, Tweed, Lydecker, A. Smith, Slote, Clark, White, Rollins, Williams, Mackean, Scofield, Boese, Benedict, I. W. Smith, Haskett, Henry, Fellows, Baldwin, Neilson, Waterbury, Monteith, Ranney, Doherty—31.

*Nays*—Messrs. Bootman, Brooker, Green, Gray, Davenport—5.

On motion of Mr. BENEDICT—

*Resolved*, That when this Board adjourn, it adjourn to meet on the last Wednesday of this month, at the usual hour.

On motion of Mr. WATERBURY—

*Resolved*, That the clerk and the Superintendent of School Buildings prepare and report to this Board, at its next meeting, a plan for re-numbering the Primary Schools, in the order of their establishment; and in case there are several departments in the same building, that they be numbered as one school.

Mr. DAVENPORT moved that the Board consider the second resolution reported by the Executive Committee on Normal Schools, on page 220 of the Journal.

On motion, the said resolution was adopted.

Mr. HENRY moved that the Board adjourn. *Lost*.

Mr. WATERBURY offered the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the officers of the Board are hereby authorized to sign and deliver warrants for the payment of the salaries of teachers and janitors in the Ward Schools for the present month, previous to the expiration thereof, provided that the Finance Committee shall certify that the same can be paid; and that the said committee have power to authorize the signing of warrants, irrespective of the reserve of moneys made on the 3d day of June last, provided that no distribution shall be made of the balance of the school moneys of the present year, whereby any payment shall be omitted on account of either of the amounts reserved as aforesaid, in case there is a sufficient balance of the reserved amount remaining to make the payment.

Mr. DAVENPORT moved that the said resolution be laid on the table. *Lost*.

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. DAVENPORT presented the following report of the Executive Committee on Normal Schools :

The Executive Committee on Normal Schools herewith present the report of the grade and attendance of the pupils of the

Normal Schools, from the 1st September to 31st December, for printing and distribution, as required by the by-laws of the Board.

J. DAVENPORT,	} Committee.
JONATHAN SCOTFIELD,	
JOHN R. LYDECKER,	
WALTER ROCHE,	
A. J. PERRY,	
WM. B. EAGER, Jr.,	

On motion—

*Ordered*, That the said report be laid on the table and printed.

The Board then adjourned.

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1857.**

**ADJOURNED SESSION.**

*Present*—Andrew H. Green, Esq., President, and Commissioners Hooper, Lecomte, Shine, Tuthill, Eager, Sinclair, Denike, Tweed, Bootman, Lydecker, A. Smith, Haines, Slote, White, Rollins, Williams, Mackean, Brooker, Scofield, Boese, Benedict, I. W. Smith, Haskett, Henry, Fellows, Baldwin, Neilson, Gray, Farley, Waterbury, Monteith, Ranney, Davenport—34.

*Absent*—Commissioners Perry, Auld, Niven, Avery, Ware, Roche, Clark, Burlew, Edwards, and Doherty—10.

The Journal of the last session was read and approved.

Mr. WATERBURY presented the application of the School Officers of the Twentieth Ward for an Evening School in said ward.

*Ordered*, That the said application be referred to the Committee on Evening Schools, with power.

Mr. PRESIDENT laid before the Board the Annual Report of the City Superintendent of Schools. (Document No. 25.)

*Ordered*, That the said report be laid on the table and printed.

Mr. PRESIDENT presented a petition of André Froment and other citizens of the Twenty-first Ward, for a new school in said ward.

*Ordered*, That the said petition be laid on the table.

Mr. PRESIDENT laid before the Board the following schedule prepared by Mr. Gilbert, the Clerk of the Board, and Mr. A.

Macvey, the Superintendent of School Buildings, showing the Number and Location of the Primary Schools, in accordance with the resolution of the Board of Education, passed December 23d, 1857 :

No.	LOCATION.	WARD.	FORMERLY.
1.	Ludlow st., near Delancey.....	10th	P. Nos. 1 and 4.
2.	101 Bayard st., near Baxter.....	6th	P. " 2 and 13.
3.	100 Cannon st., near Stanton.....	11th	P. " 3 and 42.
4.	401 Cherry st., near Scammel.....	7th	P. " 5 and 18.
5.	Fourth st., near Avenue C.....	11th	P. " 7, 20 and 53, and W. S. No. 30.
6.	61 Thompson st.....	8th	P. Nos. 8, 23, and 24.
7.	174 Amos st.....	9th	P. " 10 and 27.
8.	Mott st., near Canal.....	6th	P. " 28.
9.	86 Stanton st., near Chrystie.....	17th	P. " 15.
10.	Cannon st., near Broome.....	13th	P. " 16.
11.	461 Greenwich st.....	5th	P. " 17 and 35.
12.	20th st., near 7th Avenue.....	16th	P. " 19.
13.	Downing st., near Bleecker.....	9th	P. " 22.
14.	98 West 17th st.....	16th	P. " 25 and 26.
15.	3 Stone st.....	1st	P. " 29 and 30.
16.	25th st., bet. 4th and Madison aves.	18th	P. " 33 and 52.
17.	Cor. 8th Ave. and 43d st.....	22d	P. " 34.
18.	Waverly Place, near Bank st.....	9th	P. " 36 and 37.
19.	223 West 18th st.....	16th	P. " 39.
20.	147 Clinton st.....	13th	P. " 40 and 41.
21.	Rivington st., near Goerck st.....	13th	P. " 43 and 44.
22.	Houston st., near Forsyth.....	17th	P. " 45.
23.	11th st., bet. 3d and 4th aves.....	17th	P. " 46 and 47.
24.	Horatio st., near Hudson.....	9th	P. " 49.
25.	445 Greenwich st.....	8th	P. " 50 and 51.
26.	84th st. near 4th avenue.....	19th	P. " 55.
27.	37th st., near 10th avenue.....	20th	P. " 56.
28.	Cor. 23d st. and 2d avenue.....	18th	P. " 57.
29.	99th st., bet. 1st and Ave. A.....	18th	P. " 58.
30.	Ward's Island.....	12th	P. " 59.

ALBERT GILBERT, *Clerk.*

A. MACVEY, *Supt. School Buildings.*

On motion,

*Ordered*, That the said communication be laid on the table, and printed in the Journal.

Mr. PRESIDENT laid before the Board the following communication from Mr. Valentine, Clerk of the Common Council :

OFFICE OF CLERK OF COMMON COUNCIL,  
NEW YORK, December 24th, 1857.

ALBERT GILBERT, Esq.,  
Clerk of Board of Education.

Another error has just been discovered in the list of School officers. In the Twentieth ward, Mr. William Menck has been returned as one of the Trustees, for the full term. Upon looking over the canvass, it appears that Mr. Hubbard G. Stone received *four* votes more than Mr. Menck, for that office, and is consequently duly elected thereto. The error was purely a clerical one. You will please make the correction on my return to you.

Respectfully, your obedient servant,

D. T. VALENTINE,  
Clerk of the Common Council.

On motion of Mr. WATERBURY—

*Ordered*, That said communication be referred to the Committee on Elections and Qualifications.

Mr. PRESIDENT laid before the Board the following communication :

NATIONAL EDUCATION OFFICE,  
Melbourne, September 29th, 1857.

Sir,—I am directed to transmit to you, for the information of the Board of Education, for New York, a packet containing two copies of the last report of the Commissioners of National Education for this colony ; and I am to state that the Commissioners will be happy to receive any similar documents that may be published by your Board.

I have the honor to be, sir,

Your most obedient servant,

BENJ. T. KANE.

The Secretary Board of Education,  
New York,  
United States,  
N. America.



Mr. WATERBURY presented the following preamble and resolution, which were adopted, to wit :

*Whereas*, The systematic exchange of reports and other documents, between the Board of Education and other educational organizations, would result in gathering at the rooms of this Board a library of great utility, such as is constantly required for reference ; therefore,

*Resolved*, That the President of this Board be authorized to invite such exchange, and to take the necessary measures for the preservation and arrangement of the documents, catalogues, &c., obtained thereby ; and he is hereby requested to act in this matter until the next organization of the Board.

Mr. PRESIDENT laid before the Board the papers in the case of Herman Korff against Andrew H. Green, President of the Board of Education, and others—the school officers of the Fourth ward, and others—restraining them from completing the purchase of a school site in the said ward.

On motion of Mr. WATERBURY—

*Resolved*, That the school officers of the Fourth ward are hereby authorized to employ counsel in the matter of completing the purchase of a school site in said ward, under the resolution heretofore adopted by this Board, at an expense not exceeding two hundred dollars.

Mr. PRESIDENT presented his objections to signing a warrant for the payment of the bill of Joseph M. O'Connor, amounting to \$181<sup>00</sup>/<sub>100</sub>, for materials furnished Ward School 23.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be referred to the Finance Committee.

Mr. TUTHILL presented the following report of the Committee on Sites and School Houses, to wit :

*To the Board of Education :*

The Committee on Sites and School Houses, to whom was referred the following resolution (on the 16th of December) with power,

“ *Resolved*, That Ward School No. 31, in Monroe street, after January first be numbered 30 ; No. 32, in Baxter street, 31 ; No. 33, in Thirty-fifth street, 32, and the new school in Twenty-eighth street, 33.”

*Report*, That they have given the matter due consideration, and have numbered the schools as follows: The school in Baxter street, No. 30; in Monroe street, 31; in Thirty-fifth street, 32, and the new school in Twenty-eighth street, 33; to date from 1st January, 1858.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES M. TUTHILL,	} Committee on Sites and School Houses.
JOHN R. LYDECKER,	
EUGENE SHINE,	
A. B. ROLLINS,	
WM. SINCLAIR,	

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the report of the committee, and it was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. DENIKE presented the report of the Committee on Repairs, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That authority be, and the same is hereby, given to the School Officers of the Eighth Ward to advertise for proposals for making additions and alterations to Ward School No. 38 in said ward, according to the plans and specifications drawn by the Superintendent of School Buildings, and now on file in the Clerk's office.

ABRAHAM DENIKE,	} Committee.
E. BOOTMAN,	
WALTER ROCHE,	
STEPHEN BROOKER,	
WM. B. EAGER,	

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. WHITE presented the report of the Executive Committee on Evening Schools of the operation of those schools for the past year. (Document No. 26.)

*Ordered*, That the said report be laid on the table and printed.

Mr. DAVENPORT presented the report of the Committee on Supplies, of the operations of the Depository for the past year, and recommending certain alterations in the by-laws of the Board in relation thereto. (Document No. 27.)

J. DAVENPORT,	} Committee.
THOMAS BOESE,	
DANIEL SLOTE,	
GEORGE WHITE,	

On motion—

*Ordered*, that the said report be placed on file and printed.

Mr. LYDECKER presented the report of the Auditing Committee, on the examination of the accounts of the Board in the Clerk's office, from Dec. 3, 1856, to Dec. 21, 1857. (Doc. No. 28.)

JOHN R. LYDECKER,	} Committee.
PROVOST S. HAINES,	
JAMES MACKEAN,	

On motion—

*Ordered*, That the said report be printed and placed on file.

Mr. DAVENPORT presented the annual report of the Executive Committee on Normal Schools. (Document No. 29.)

JOHN DAVENPORT,	} Committee.
JOHN R. LYDECKER,	
JONATHAN L. SCOTFELD,	
WILLIAM B. EAGER,	

On motion—

*Ordered*, That the said report be printed and placed on file.

Mr. BENEDICT presented the annual report of the Board of Education for the year ending 31st December, 1857. (Document No. 30.)

On motion—

*Ordered*, That the said report be adopted and copies thereof, duly authenticated, transmitted to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction and to the Clerk of the city and county of New York.

*Ordered*, That the said Report be printed in the usual form, under the direction of the Committee.

Mr. WATERBURY presented the report of the Finance Committee with the following resolution annexed:

*Resolved*, That the President and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to sign a draft for the payment of the bill of Hazletine & Brothers, amounting to five dollars, for tuning piano forte in the Normal School.

NELSON J. WATERBURY,	} Committee.
RICHARD C. FELLOWS,	
ALBERT SMITH,	
JOHN HOOPER,	

Mr. **PRESIDENT** put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. **WATERBURY** presented the report of the Finance Committee, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the following sums be, and the same are hereby appropriated for the purposes herein named, to wit:

For salaries of teachers and janitors in the Ward	
Schools, and for incidental expenses,.....	\$30,000
For the support of the Evening Schools.....	5,000
For the incidental expenses of the Board of Education,.....	2,000
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	\$37,000

NELSON J. WATERBURY,	} Committee.
ALBERT SMITH,	
JOHN HOOPER,	

Mr. **PRESIDENT** put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative as follows:

*Ayes*—Messrs. Lecomte, Shine, Tuthill, Eager, Jr., Sinclair, Denike, Tweed, Bootman, Lydecker, A. Smith, Haines, Slote, White, Rollins, Williams, Mackean, Brooker, Scofield, Green, Benedict, I. W. Smith, Baldwin, Neilson, Gray, Farley, Waterbury, Ranney, Davenport,—28.

Mr. **WATERBURY** presented the report of the Finance Committee, with the following resolution annexed:

*Resolved*, That the Comptroller be requested to authorize the City Chamberlain to place in the city treasury the sum of five thousand dollars, subject to the drafts of the Board of Education, on and after the 31st day of December, inst.

NELSON J. WATERBURY,	} Finance Committee.
ALBERT SMITH,	
JOHN HOOPER,	

Mr. **PRESIDENT** put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. WATERBURY presented the report of the Finance Committee, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the sum of five hundred dollars is hereby appropriated for architect charges in the erection of Ward School No. 20, in Chrystie street, four hundred and seventy dollars to be paid to Thomas R. Jackson, and thirty dollars to S. Curtis, Jr., provided that each of them shall receipt in full of all claims on that account.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

NELSON J. WATERBURY,	} Finance Committee.
JOHN HOOPER,	
ALBERT SMITH,	

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolution, and it was decided in the negative, under Article 15, Sec. 2 of the By-laws, which requires the affirmative votes of a majority of all the members; the vote was as follows:

*Ayes*—Messrs. Hooper, Shine, Sinclair, Tweed, Bootman, A. Smith, Slote, White, Williams, Scofield, Boese, I. W. Smith, Baldwin, Neilson, Gray, Farley, Waterbury—17.

*Nays*—Messrs. Lecomte, Tuthill, Eager, Denike, Lydecker, Mackean, Brooker, Green, Benedict, Ranney—10.

Mr. WATERBURY presented the report of the Finance Committee, with the following resolution annexed:

*Resolved*, That the Finance Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the resolutions, relative to signing warrants, referred to them on the 20th of May last; and of the resolution to pay bills of J. G. Semon and W. H. Arthur & Co., referred to them on the 7th day of October last.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

NELSON J. WATERBURY,	} Finance Committee.
JOHN HOOPER,	
ALBERT SMITH,	

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative,

Mr. MACKEAN presented a communication from the School Officers of the Twelfth Ward, together with the proposals received for furnishing the New School-House at Tubby Hook.

Mr. **MACKEAN** offered the following resolution, to wit:

*Resolved*, That the sum of two thousand five hundred and twenty-two  $\frac{1}{10}$  dollars be and is hereby appropriated to pay for furniture, pianos and stoves, for new school-house at Tubby Hook, according to the application of School Officers of the Twelfth Ward, of this date; no portion of said appropriation to be paid until the work shall be completed to the satisfaction of the School Officers of the Twelfth Ward, and the Superintendent of School Buildings.

Mr. **I. W. SMITH** moved to amend the said resolution offered by Mr. Mackean, by reducing the amount of the appropriation \$55, and inserting that the contract be awarded to the lowest bidder.

Mr. **PRESIDENT** put the question whether the Board would agree with the said motion of Mr. Smith, and it was decided in the negative.

Mr. **PRESIDENT** put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows:

*Ayes*—Messrs. Hooper, Lecomte, Shine, Tuthill, Eager, Sinclair, Denike, Tweed, Bootman, Lydecker, A. Smith, Slote, White, Mackean, Scofield, Boese, Benedict, Baldwin, Gray, Farley, Waterbury, Ranney, Davenport—23.

*Nays*—Messrs. Brooker, Green, I. W. Smith—3.

Mr. **WATERBURY** presented the report of the Finance Committee, with the following resolution annexed:

*Resolved*, That the course of the President in declining to sign a draft for the payment of the bill of Lyman H. Adams, for ice furnished to the schools of the Eleventh Ward, is hereby approved, and that the said bill be not paid.

NELSON J. WATERBURY,	} Finance Committee.
ALBERT SMITH,	
JOHN HOOPER,	
GEORGE H. CLARK,	
RICHARD C. FELLOWS,	

Mr. **PRESIDENT** put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. **WATERBURY** presented the report of the Finance Committee, recommending the adoption of the following resolution, to wit:

*Resolved*, That the bills of John Mackenzie, Jr., amounting to \$16 08, for frames, &c., for the schools of the Eleventh Ward, and so much of the bills of Stephen Cable for frames, &c., for schools of the Seventh Ward, as was incurred prior to the 20th May last, amounting to \$23 50, be paid; and that the rest of the bill of Stephen Cable be not paid.

NELSON J. WATERBURY,	} Finance Committee.
ALBERT SMITH,	
JOHN HOOPER,	
GEO. H. CLARK,	
RICH. C. FELLOWS,	

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. WATERBURY presented the report of the Finance Committee with the following resolutions annexed, which were recommended for adoption :

*Resolved*, That the Trustees of the Yorkville school are hereby requested to cancel the lease of certain premises devised by them to the Commissioners and Inspectors of Common Schools for the Twelfth Ward, on the 31st day of January, 1848, for school purposes; and that the Clerk transmit a copy of this resolution, duly authenticated, to the said Trustees.

*Resolved*, That it is hereby proposed to the Rector, Churchwardens and Vestrymen of Trinity Church to cancel the lease of the lot in Barrow street, heretofore occupied for school purposes, upon the payment of five hundred dollars to the Chamberlain of the city, to the credit of the Board of Education, and that the clerk transmit a copy of this resolution, duly authenticated, to the corporation of Trinity Church.

*Resolved*, That the Finance Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the lease of the premises lately occupied for Primary School No. 22.

NELSON J. WATERBURY,	} Finance Committee.
JOHN HOOPER,	
ALBERT SMITH,	

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolutions, and it was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. WATERBURY presented the report of the Finance Committee, with the following resolution annexed :

*Resolved*, That the sum of one thousand five hundred and

ninety-five  $\frac{1}{10}$  dollars is hereby appropriated for extra work on Ward School No. 31, to pay the bills of M. J. Newman of \$951  $\frac{1}{10}$ ; of Wm. T. J. Sankey of \$407  $\frac{41}{100}$ ; and of S. D. and W. Barnes of \$236  $\frac{53}{100}$ ; but neither of the said bills shall be paid until the party to whom it is to be paid shall sign a certificate that it is in full of all claims and demands for or on account of said building.

NELSON J. WATERBURY,	} Finance Committee.
JOHN HOOPER,	
ALBERT SMITH,	

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

*Ayes*—Messrs. Hooper, Lecomte, Shine, Tuthill, Eager, Sinclair, Denike, Tweed, Bootman, Lydecker, Albert Smith, Slotte, White, Mackean, Boese, Benedict, I. W. Smith, Baldwin, Neilson, Gray, Farley, Waterbury—22.

*Nays*—Messrs. Brooker, Scofield, Green—3.

Mr. WATERBURY presented the report of the Finance Committee, with the following resolution annexed :

*Resolved*, That the contract between the School Officers of the Sixth Ward of the first part, and Thomas Harrison of the second part, for heating and ventilating apparatus for the new Primary School-House in Mott street, which contract is now on file in the Clerk's office, is hereby approved.

NELSON J. WATERBURY,	} Finance Committee.
ALBERT SMITH,	
JOHN HOOPER,	
GEO. H. CLARKE,	
RICH. C. FELLOWS,	

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. WATERBURY presented the report of the Finance Committee, with the following resolution annexed :

*Resolved*, That the President and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to sign a draft for the payment of the bill of Miller & Holman, amounting to \$42  $\frac{50}{100}$ , for printing ordered by the Committee on the Course of Studies and School Books.

NELSON J. WATERBURY,	} Finance Committee.
ALBERT SMITH,	
JOHN HOOPER,	



Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. WATERBURY presented the report of the Finance Committee, recommending the adoption of the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars is hereby appropriated for the purchase of a piano-forte for the Female Department of Ward School No. 17 in West Forty-seventh street, upon the terms and conditions prescribed in the resolutions adopted by this Board on the 15th day of July last.

NELSON J. WATERBURY,	} Finance Committee.
ALBERT SMITH,	
JOHN HOOPER,	
GEO. H. CLARK,	
RICHARD C. FELLOWS,	

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

*Ayes*—Messrs. Shine, Tuthill, Eager, Sinclair, Denike, Tweed, Bootman, Lydecker, A. Smith, Haines, Sloat, White, Rollins, Williams, Mackean, Brooker, Scofield, Boese, Benedict, I. W. Smith, Haskett, Baldwin, Neilson, Gray, Farley, Waterbury, Ranney, Davenport—28.

*Nay*—Mr. Green—1.

Mr. WATERBURY presented the report of the Finance Committee, with the following resolution annexed :

*Resolved*, That the President and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to sign a draft for the payment of the bill of John H. Heller, amounting to \$18 87, for repairing clocks in, and furnishing supplies for, the Schools in the Tenth Ward.

NELSON J. WATERBURY,	} Finance Committee.
ALBERT SMITH,	
JOHN HOOPER,	
GEORGE H. CLARK,	
RICHARD C. FELLOWS,	

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. WATERBURY presented the following report from the Finance Committee, embracing a statement of the financial op-

rations of the Board for the year, with a recommendation that the teachers' salaries for the present month be paid :

**TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION :**

The Finance Committee, having finished their labors, deem it desirable to present a full and accurate statement of the monetary operations of the Board for the year 1857, from a conviction that it will be found interesting and valuable; and with the hope that it may prove a precedent to be followed in succeeding years.

The Board of Education in 1856 issued checks upon the City Chamberlain beyond the amount of the revenues of that year, which checks were paid by that officer, and amounted to the sum of..... \$29,767 21

The Board of last year also left part of the salaries of teachers and janitors in the ward schools unpaid, which part amounted to the sum of... 11,632 76

Making a total of expenses of the year 1856 to be paid out of the moneys of 1857, amounting to the sum of..... 41,399 97

The school moneys provided for 1857 amounted to the sum of..... 1,100,410 82

Leaving a balance applicable to the expenses of the year 1857 amounting to the sum of.....\$1,059,010 85

Including the sum of \$5,000 called for at the present meeting, the several requisitions for money made by the Board upon the Comptroller during the year, exclusive of the sum of \$43,935 32, called for on the 18th of November, amount to \$1,100,410 82, the exact sum raised for the year. This amount is the revenue of the present year for the payment of the deficiencies and overdrafts of 1856, and the expenses of 1857. The call for \$43,935 32, above specified, was not complied with by the Comptroller, for reasons which will be hereinafter stated.

The payments of the years 1857 and 1856, respectively, including in the latter year the payments on its account out of the moneys of the present year, have been as follows :

	1856.	1857.
Current expenses, Free Academy...	\$37,684 31	\$42,754 87
"        "    Normal Schools..	8,137 25	10,566 79
"        "    Ward Schools, viz.,		
Salaries of teachers and janitors..	454,207 49	512,460 96
Sundries.....	61,159 57	84,616 58
Current expenses, Evening Schools.	39,791 41	49,261 53

[The above items do not include supplies through the depository nor repairs through the shop.]

Expenses of the shop.....	9,910 65	9,059 09
Supplies for depository.....	81,248 36	85,004 76
Rent of school premises.....	10,083 26	10,559 81
Apportionment to corporate schools	24,282 72	28,692 28
Alterations, &c., of buildings.....	49,984 38	43,977 46
Sites for school buildings.....	37,000 00	42,901 71
Erecting new school buildings.....	71,832 62	101,727 70
New furniture and fitting up.....	60,342 55	38,516 78
Salaries of Clerk and other officers..	17,731 19	20,829 95
Incidental expenses of school system	10,122 75	8,518 00

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Totals....\$973,518 51 \$1,089,448 27

The actual payments in the year 1856 amounted to \$961,885 75 ; but the total above given is made by including the sum of \$11,632 76 paid as above stated, for salaries of 1856, out of the moneys of 1857. By such payment, on account of the previous year, and the overdraft of \$29,767 21, above specified, the moneys available for the expenses of 1857 were reduced to \$1,059,010 85 ; while the total of the payments of the present year amount to \$1,089,448 27. The excess of \$30,437 42 is advanced by the City Chamberlain, and must be paid out of the moneys of 1858. As all the salaries of the present year are paid, the amount in arrear is \$10,962 55 less than what it was on the 1st of January last. This system of overdrafts and deficiencies originated in the wrongful retention from the Board of 1856 of the sum of \$125,000, which was raised for expenditure upon its call. As the system is unsound

and injurious, it is hoped that the present will be the last occasion of a draft beyond the revenue of the year.

Although the Board is thus represented as overdrawing its account with the Comptroller to the amount of \$30,437 42, the overdraft is only nominal. Upon the application for a mandamus to compel the Comptroller to place to the credit of the Board the sum of \$125,000, retained out of the moneys of 1856, to repay a like amount "advanced" to the Board of 1854, the Supreme Court denied the mandamus, and took the ground that the account between the Board of Education and the city was a running account; and that the money of any year could be held to pay an arrear of, or advance in, a previous year. Upon the same principle, the money of a former year not used should be available afterwards. Within the last six years moneys raised for the Board of Education have been left undrawn to the amount of \$69,941 25; and if the account was carried back beyond 1852, the amount would be increased. The call by the Board upon the Comptroller on the 18th of November, for the sum of \$43,935 32, was on account of these undrawn moneys; but the Comptroller declined to comply with it, alleging that the appropriations of former years ran out with the year, and that the amount must be re-appropriated by the Common Council, notwithstanding the fact that it was raised expressly for school purposes. The lateness of the time has prevented a re-appropriation this year, but the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen, who is re-elected to that Board, promised to aid a re-appropriation after the 1st of January. The fact that there is such an amount undrawn is established by the following certificate:

AUDITOR'S DESK, DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, }  
December 28th, 1857.

I hereby certify that there remains a balance of appropriations made by the Common Council prior to the first day of January last, for the Common Schools in this city, to the amount of sixty-nine thousand nine hundred and forty-one  $\frac{25}{100}$  dollars, which has not been drawn by the Board of Education, and which cannot be placed to its credit without the same is re-ap-

propriated; the said balance being on account of the years 1852 and 1853.

JAMES TIMPSON, Auditor.

In the above statement the payments of 1857 are shown to amount to \$1,089,448 27, while those of 1856 amounted to \$973,518 51, being an increase of \$115,929 76. Over that part of the increase which is for the salaries of teachers and janitors and other expenses of the Ward Schools, amounting to \$81,710 48, the Board of Education has not, or, at least, has never exercised, any control.

Not only is the arrearage of the present year less by \$10,962 55 than that of the year 1856, but the amount of special appropriations left unpaid is, also, less by the amount of \$9,957 12, showing that the finances of the Board are now in a better condition, by the sum of \$20,919 67, than they were on the 1st day of January last. The unpaid balances of special appropriations then amounted to \$66,678 90, and now to \$56,721 78. The unpaid balances of appropriations, special and ordinary, on the 1st of January last; the amounts appropriated during the present year; the total amounts; the payments during the year; and the present unpaid balances, are as follows:

	Balances from 1856.	Appropriated in 1857.	Totals.	Payments in 1857.	Unexpended Balances.
Free Academy,.....	\$5,839 41	\$47,000 00	\$52,839 41	\$42,754 87	\$9,584 54
Normal Schools,.....	2,448 53	15,500 00	17,948 53	10,566 79	7,381 74
Salaries in Ward Schools,....		550,000 00	550,000 00	524,093 72	25,906 28
Other expenses of do.....	24,227 53	65,000 00	89,227 53	84,616 58	4,610 95
Evening Schools,.....	45 96	50,000 00	50,045 96	49,261 53	784 43
Shop,.....	8,144 47	10,000 00	18,144 47	9,059 09	9,085 38
Depository,.....	72 01	80,000 00	80,072 01	85,004 76	.....
Rents,.....	496 17	11,000 00	11,496 17	10,559 81	936 36
Corporate Schools,.....		23,692 28	23,692 28	23,692 28	.....
Alterations of Buildings,....	10,514 51	85,152 88	45,667 89	49,977 46	1,689 98
Sites,.....	25,810 00	50,401 71	76,211 71	42,017 71	33,810 00
New Buildings,.....	23,056 56	88,637 17	111,693 73	101,737 70	9,966 03
New Furniture, &c.,.....	7,297 88	42,974 77	50,272 65	88,516 78	11,755 83
Salaries of Clerks, &c.,.....	6,906 87	20,000 00	26,906 87	20,329 95	6,076 92
Incidental Expenses,.....	72 12	15,000 00	15,072 12	8,518 00	6,554 12
Totals,.....	\$114,481 97	\$1,109,358 81	\$1,223,790 78	\$1,101,081 08	\$127,642 50

The sum of \$11,632 76, above referred to, as paid on account of salaries of the year 1856, out of the moneys of 1857, is included in the above column of payments of the latter year.

Each class of payments has been kept within the amount appropriated, except that of the depository. The expenditure on that account has been so great as not only to exhaust the money

reserved for it, but to cause a large deficiency. Part of this deficiency, to the amount of \$4,932 75, by reason of the emergency of the case, was specially ordered by the Board to be paid; and if this amount is deducted from the total of unexpended balances in the above table, it will reduce the same to \$122,709 75, which is the amount of the difference between the aggregates of the columns of payments in 1857, and of totals of appropriations.

As above stated, the City Chamberlain has kindly agreed to advance the moneys necessary to complete the payments of the year; and the salaries of the present month, which are included in the above statement, can therefore be paid. The Committee recommend that the officers of the Board be authorized to sign drafts for their payment; and, also, that this report be printed in the Journal, and for these purposes they report the following resolutions:

*Resolved.*—That the President and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to sign drafts for the payment of teachers' salaries for the present month, provided that the pay-rolls therefor are duly certified and audited.

*Resolved.*—That this report of the Finance Committee be printed in the Journal of this Board.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

NELSON J. WATERBURY,	} Finance Committee.
ALBERT SMITH,	
JOHN HOOPER,	
GEO. H. CLARK,	
RICH. C. FELLOWS,	

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolutions and it was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. WATERBURY presented the report of the Finance Committee on the application of the School Officers of the Twenty-first Ward, with the following resolution annexed:—

*Resolved,* That the application of the School Officers for an appropriation of thirty thousand and four hundred dollars, for alterations and additions to Ward School No. 14, is hereby denied.

*Resolved,* That the School Officers of the Twenty-first Ward

are recommended to select a site for the erection of a new school-house, to be occupied by a new primary school and by one of the grammar schools now in No. 14.

NELSON J. WATERBURY,	} Finance Committee.
JOHN HOOPER,	
ALBERT SMITH,	

Mr. RANNEY moved to amend the said resolutions by striking out after the word "Resolved," and inserting as follows:

That the sum of \$30,400 be, and the same hereby is, appropriated for the alteration of Ward School No. 14, Twenty-first Ward, according to the plans and specifications on file in the Clerk's Office, the same to be done under the direction of the Superintendent of School Buildings, and no payment to be made, except upon his certificate but no part of said money shall be paid until the contracts, in the usual form, with sureties to be affirmed by the Finance Committee, for the faithful performance of the contracts and against the lien law, shall have been approved and filed with the Board.

Mr. DENIKE moved the previous question.

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would second the previous question, and it was decided in the affirmative as follows:

*Ayes*—Messrs. Hooper, Lecomte, Shine, Tuthill, Sinclair, Denike, Tweed, Lydecker, A. Smith, Slote, Mackean, Brooker, Benedict, I. W. Smith, Neilson, Gray, Farley, Waterbury, Ranney—19.

*Nays*—Messrs. Eager, Bootman, White, Williams, Scofield, Boese, Green, Baldwin, Davenport—9.

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the motion of Mr. Ranney, and it was decided in the negative, as follows:

*Ayes*—Messrs. Lecomte, Sinclair, Denike, Bootman, Brooker, Scofield, Boese, Benedict, Gray, Farley, Ranney, Davenport—12.

*Nays*—Messrs. Hooper, Shine, Tuthill, Eager, Tweed, Lydecker, A. Smith, Slote, White, Williams, Mackean, Green, I. W. Smith, Neilson, Waterbury—15.

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the resolution reported by the Committee, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows:

*Ayes*—Messrs. Hooper, Shine, Tuthill, Eager, Sinclair, Tweed, Lydecker, A. Smith, Slote, White, Williams, I. W. Smith, Neilson, Waterbury—14.

*Nays*—Messrs. Lecomte, Denike, Bootman, Brooker, Scofield, Boese, Green, Benedict, Baldwin, Gray, Farley, Ranney, Davenport—13.

Mr. WATERBURY presented the report of the Finance Committee on the application of the School Officers of the Tenth Ward, with the following resolution annexed :

*Resolved*, That the sum of \$331 is hereby appropriated to pay the following bills for extra work in the erection of Ward School-House No. 20 in Chrystie street, viz.: two of Cornelius Collins, amounting to \$112; two of Isaac Lovelace, amounting to \$159; and one of Alexander Murray, amounting to \$60; provided that each of the said parties shall certify at the time of the payment to him that the same is in full of all claims or demands whatever, for or on account of said School-House.

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows :

*Ayes*—Messrs. Hooper, Lecomte, Shine, Tuthill, Eager, Sinclair, Denike, Tweed, Bootman, Lydecker, A. Smith, Haines, Slote, White, Rollins, Williams, Mackean, Brooker, Scofield, Boese, Green, Benedict, Baldwin, Neilson, Gray, Farley, Waterbury, Ranney, Davenport.

Mr. HOOPER presented the report of the Select Committee appointed under the resolution of the Board, adopted on the 23d inst, in relation to amending the Journal on page 176, by the insertion of the ayes and nays said to have been taken on the motion of Mr. Benedict.

JOHN HOOPER,	} Committee.
ABRAHAM DENIKE,	
L. RANNEY,	

On motion, ordered that the said report be laid on the table.

Mr. GRAY offered the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the President and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to sign a check in favor of the Wallace Pianoforte Co., amounting to two hundred and fifty dollars, the same having received the signatures of a majority of the School



Officers of the Nineteenth Ward, and having been purchased in conformity with a resolution of this Board.

Mr. PRESIDENT put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolution, and it was decided in the negative.

Mr. DAVENPORT presented the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted :

*Resolved*, That the respects of this Board are eminently due to Andrew H. Green, Esq., for the able and impartial manner with which he has conducted the business of this Board, and presided over its deliberations during the past year.

The PRESIDENT replied: Gentlemen, it is very gratifying, at the close of another year, to be assured that its varied duties have been so discharged as to suggest this expression of your continued confidence and approbation—the more acceptable to me, because I am able to trace its origin rather to your friendly regard than to any merit of my own. The courteous interchange of opinion on the floor, prompt submission to rule, and a respect for the rights of each member, whether more or less conspicuous—often not less useful because less conspicuous—are far higher contributions than any degree of ability in the chair, to the orderly progress of business and to the maintenance for this Board of a character appropriate to the purposes for which it was created. The unusually numerous and extensive alterations undertaken during the year to adapt the edifices of a past era to the requirements of modern schools—the erection of buildings—the demands of an annually increasing school population, and a great variety of miscellaneous business, have required and received from members of this Board—on the floor, in the committee-room, and in their respective districts—a degree of labor and attention that entitles them to the esteem and commendation of their constituencies. Regarding economy in the expenditure of public moneys as among the first duties of a public agent, and constantly impressed with the conviction that any lack of due attention to this subject would afford occasion for the assaults of those unfriendly to a system of common schools that depends upon public confidence for support, I have deemed it essential to guard this point, and

therefore have, without hesitation, resisted the establishment of precedents for new classes of expenditure, without affording an opportunity to this Board for its sanction or disapproval. Our common school system is the growth of years; it has made its way against prejudice and opposition, and is now interwoven into the whole fabric of society. No better evidence of its acceptability is required than the fact that its existing structures are scarcely sufficient to accommodate those seeking the advantages they offer; no higher testimony to the care and faithfulness of those administering the system—school officers and teachers—than the fact that, with a single exception, for two years, 100,000 children of tender age, in this crowded city, have attended these schools by day and by night, without the occurrence of a casualty involving either life or safety. These, with the further fact that the standard of scholarship, and the attainment of pupils, will bear comparison with any other system or city—speaking more clearly than whole pages of rhetoric—and render it apparent that any ill-considered change in the system will be much more likely to result in disaster than in benefit. And, now, while we wait to take our place in that great procession, whose footsteps echo through the deserted chambers of the past, and whose foremost ranks are already knocking at the portals of another year, let us gather our thoughts and pass in brief review those excellencies of our associates that we do not the less appreciate because we omit publicly to distinguish and recite them. Those who leave us take with them the benediction of those who remain; and those who remain to carry with them continuity and experience into the deliberations of another year, rely upon the interest of those now about to leave. In the office with which you have repeatedly honored me, I have sought no distinction other than such as attends the strict performance of duty; and when I say that I neither expect nor desire to be again designated to its responsibilities, it is with the distinct and grateful recognition of the uniform kindness and consideration of my associates here, and of school officers and teachers throughout the city—acquaintances among whom have ripened into friendships that I shall cease to value only when I no longer esteem intelligence, disinterestedness,

and integrity—desirable attributes in the character of the public officer and private citizen.

On motion of Mr. BALDWIN, the following resolution was unanimously adopted :

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Board are due, and are hereby tendered to, Nelson J. Waterbury, Esq., for the able, faithful and intelligent manner in which he has, during the year 1857, discharged the difficult and delicate duties of Chairman of the Finance Committee of this Board, as well as for his many years of zealous labor in behalf of public education.

Mr. WATERBURY said :

Mr. PRESIDENT—It is with no ordinary emotion that I rise to respond to the resolution which has just been adopted. No one can be more sensible than I am of the kindness with which I have been treated by the members of this Board. During the present year, especially, there has been, as I fully realize, a warmth of feeling and a respectful consideration manifested towards me, which, instead of being caused by any merits of mine, may rather be attributed to an undue estimate of the value of the services I have been able to render to the cause of public education. Upon its altar, it is true, I have cheerfully offered up a large portion of my time for the year now closing ; and, if in the future there remains to me a glad remembrance of the sacrifice, as a reward for my labors, there will also be the consciousness that it was by the action of my associates I was afforded the opportunities of usefulness, and that only by their sympathy and aid have my services been effective. For all their kindness towards me, including this last crowning expression of their confidence and esteem, I return them my thanks from the very bottom of a grateful heart.

Nor is it only on my own behalf that I would thank the members of this Board. Those whom I have had the honor to represent on this floor have been treated with a degree of liberality and justice which they, as well as myself, fully appreciate. By the action of this Board a new school-house has, during the present year, been erected in our ward ; a measure fully demanded by the wants of the locality, but yet accorded, under peculiar circumstances, with generous kindness. That building is completed. It stands a credit to the local officers, to this Board, and to the city. The opening exercises will take place early in the coming

year; and although every member of this Board will receive a special invitation to be present, I desire now to express the hope that we may then be favored by the attendance of all. I believe that those who visit the building will find no cause to regret the vote of this Board authorizing its construction.

When I first entered this Board, I was personally acquainted with but few of those who are now members. It gives me pleasure to say that the friendships I have formed here are esteemed among the most valuable of my life. In my intercourse with my associates, I have experienced great gratification. Yet being, as I am aware, of an ardent disposition, I know that I am sometimes apt to press my own views with eagerness, and, perhaps, without a sufficient regard for the wishes and opinions of others. It is not probable that I have been at all times so fortunate as to say nothing which fell unkindly upon the ears of another. If there be any member of this Board upon whose heart there is the weight of any such offence of mine, let me assure him that I deeply regret it, and that I desire to part from each and every one with cordial friendship; and if, in future years, a grateful opportunity may occur when I can be of service to any one of those whom I am about to leave, it will give me heartfelt pleasure to endeavour, in any way, however humble, to show my appreciation of the kindness which has been generously extended to me.

I leave this Board, sir, with lively gratification that the great cause committed to its charge is in so flourishing a condition, and with an intense anxiety that it may continue to prosper. Upon its success depends, in a far greater degree than I am able to express, the future of our beloved country. Upon those who remain in this Board, and their associates elect, devolve, during the coming year, its high honors, but higher responsibilities. That they may be able to discharge the trust to the satisfaction of their own consciences and of the public, is the wish of my inmost heart; and with its expression I again thank all the members of this Board for their kindness, and bid them an affectionate farewell.

Mr. NEILSON said: Mr. President, there is a gentleman, a member of this Board, whom I have long known, and for whom

I entertain the very highest regard and esteem, one with whom I have long been associated in this good work, and who has ever been faithful to the trust confided to him and intelligent in the performance of the duties of his office. It is the gentleman who, for the year now about to close, has so ably filled the position on the Executive Committee on Normal Schools previously held by myself. How arduous and delicate the duties of the position have been, no one is better able to understand than myself. He has performed those duties, well—I desire, sir, to offer the following resolution—

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Board be presented to John Davenport, Esq., for the faithful and intelligent manner in which he has, during the past year, discharged the duties of Chairman of the Executive Committee on Normal Schools.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

Mr. DAVENPORT said: It would be indecorous in me, however agreeable to my feelings, to remain silent after such an expression of appreciation and good will towards me as the Board, by resolution, have been pleased to utter. The distinguished source from which it emanated and the support given to it, by the unanimous vote of the Board, call for an expression of my thanks for the honor thus conferred upon me. It was unexpected, and therefore the more to be esteemed and cherished, and amply compensates me for any sacrifices of time or labor that I may have incurred in the performance of the duties entrusted to me. If I understand my motives in laboring for the great cause of popular education, they are that I may be useful in helping it forward, and in sustaining its integrity, and in my official conduct may deserve and retain the respect and confidence of wise and good men. Entertaining these feelings, and duly estimating this expression of your confidence and respect, I shall cherish and transmit it to those who succeed me by inheritance, as a stimulus to them to endeavor to deserve the character and reputation of faithfulness in their public duties, and of good citizens in all relations. To those about to retire from the Board I tender my sincere wishes for their future welfare and prosperity.

Mr. SINCLAIR said: Mr. President, I feel that there is one officer of this Board who is eminently entitled to our thanks for

the courteous, gentlemanly, and faithful manner in which he has discharged his official duties. I allude to Mr. Gilbert, the Clerk of the Board, who, for a number of years, has filled that important office. His intercourse with the members has always been gentlemanly, and his attention to the duties of his office faithful and cordial. There are reasons, which will be appreciated by the members of the Board, why I should offer a resolution complimentary to Mr. Gilbert, which I do cheerfully, and which, I believe, expresses the feelings of every member of this Board, as I am sure it does my own. I beg leave to offer the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Board are due, and hereby tendered to Albert Gilbert, Esq., Clerk of this Board, for the faithful, impartial, and gentlemanly manner in which he has discharged the duties of that office during the past year.

Mr. BENEDICT said : Mr. President, the usual routine duties of the Clerk of this Board we are able to appreciate, but we do not always consider that the better they are performed the less they attract our attention. Mr. Gilbert is entitled to our thanks for the excellent manner in which he has performed these every-day duties. I am not willing, however, to let this occasion pass without adverting to that higher evidence of his merit which is found in his having been eight times elected to his present office. During the period that he has filled the office, all those great changes have taken place, which, by improved organization, by harmonious consolidation, and by a constant forward and upward tendency, have placed our school system on that high level of merit and of popular favor which constitutes its real strength. My connection with the subject enables me to say—and this occasion gives me the opportunity to say, as I do, with great pleasure—that all those great measures of improvement, about which there was much diversity of opinion, received the cordial, able, and well-known, but modest and unobtrusive, co-operation of Mr. Gilbert, without which the friction and jar incident to such great changes would have done much, if not to prevent, at least to hinder, their success, and to give occasion of bitterness much to be regretted. That, under these circumstances, he should have secured that

universal confidence which is shown by those successive elections by boards so variously constituted, I am sure must be to him just cause of pride, as it is to us and all the friends of education, just cause of grateful remembrance. I second the motion.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

On motion, the Board adjourned.





## NOTICE.



The paging of a portion of the Journal having been duplicated, the repetition (commencing with the Proceedings of April 1, at the page next succeeding page 55,) is indicated in the Index by the addition of the letter "A," thus—49*a*, 50*a*, 51*a*, 52*a*, 53*a*, 54*a*, 55*a*.

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